



*“Working together to achieve high standards in a welcoming, caring community, where everyone feels valued, respected, safe and happy.”*

### **Newsletter 3 - October Half Term**

#### **YEAR 6 – SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION**

Please remember that the deadline for submitting your child’s application for a Secondary School place is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

#### **SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Each year we take part in Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Appeal) and leaflets have been sent home with your child. We have had a few shoeboxes sent in but would love to receive some more. Please send in your filled shoeboxes by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November as we have a collection arranged.

#### **HARVEST**

This year we asked for donations of food that would be going to the Chester Food Bank. A big thank you to everyone who sent donations in, we received confirmation from the Food Bank that we had donated a total of 156.86kgs of food.

#### **POPPIES**

Once again we are collecting on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Poppies will be on sale in school on a daily basis continuing the first week back after half term. If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please send in a donation in a small envelope with their name on it marked “Poppy Appeal”

#### **KS1 & KS2 PANTOMIME**

Payment for the KS1 & KS2 pantomimes is due by 10<sup>th</sup> November as we have to make payment to the theatres. Please log into your Parentpay account to make payment and give consent for your child to take part in this activity, thank you to those who have already paid. If your child will not be attending the pantomime, please inform the school office to allow them to amend the numbers.

## **DATA COLLECTION SHEETS**

You will have recently received a copy of your child's Data Collection Sheet and a new Permission Form which includes an additional section regarding Twitter. Please return these to school checked and amended, where needed, and signed a.s.a.p. It is important that we hold the correct and up to date information on your child.

## **PARENTPAY**

Could we please ask that Parentpay accounts are checked regularly and kept in credit

## **DISCO**

Another successful disco was held on Wednesday with a marathon of dancing this year! Thank you to all who were involved in helping make the night a success. A total of £394.67 was raised.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

This year we have used a different school photographer, Versa Portraits. We hope that you will be happy with the quality of the photographs and that you find the online ordering system easy to use and gives you more flexibility in creating your own packs. We would welcome any feedback as this helps us to ensure we are providing the best service to you.

## **SPORTING EVENTS**

Over 40 children from years four, five and six recently took part in rugby festivals at Chester Rugby Club, with one year 6 team narrowly losing in the final. They will now have the chance to represent Chester in the whole of Cheshire Finals in the spring. Some of our year two pupils took part in the mini-kickers tournament in Blacon, where they reached the semi-finals.

## **SPEEDNG AROUND VILLAGE**

A parent recently wrote to me about an incident on Moor Lane where a driver drove so close to the pavement that they actually hit her husband on the arm whilst he was pushing his three-year-old daughter to school. The parent also mentioned that the speed of vehicles and poor parking practises around the shop (former Post Office) are an everyday problem. I know Andy Smith, our Governor for Safeguarding, has become involved and has used his contacts as a serving police officer to have Moor Lane added for the deployment of Speed Indicator Devices. He is also encouraging local residents to visit the Cheshire Police website and use the on line function to report speeding as an issue in the Village as this will generate a response from the local Community Sergeant. As a school, we support any measures which will help reduce the speed of traffic around the village and are looking to work with the local authority to set up another Speed Awareness campaign.

## **VALUE OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER – CO-OPERATION**

We hope you all get the chance to spend time with your children during the half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone safe and well on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.



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