

5 November 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **HARVEST CELEBRATION - YEAR 5**

Last half term, Year 5 performed their Harvest show for the school and their parents. The singing and acting were very impressive, as were the costumes. The children gave us entertainment, information and food for thought. All the harvest donations were taken to the Stepping Stones Centre and the children sang to the adults there. I'm sure they brought some happiness to people in difficult circumstances.

### **MONSTER BASH DISCO**

I was very impressed by the fantastic, scary costumes and good behaviour at both discos. Many thanks to our hard working helpers and to all the parents who managed to find blood and gore to help with the atmosphere! Please note that the **PTA Annual General Meeting will be at 6pm on Wednesday 6 November.**

### **CLOTHING**

As the weather is colder and wetter now, all the children need coats at school. Please put names in all items of clothing: they can be written on the label, no need to sew! The lost property bins are usually full of unnamed items. Please check for any lost items as soon as you realise they are missing.

Also we are short of spare trousers for children in school so if you have any, they will be gratefully received.

### **HYGIENE AT LUNCH TIME**

I have asked our Midday Supervisors to make sure that **all** the children wash their hands before eating their lunches. I'm sure you will agree that this should be expected behaviour!

### **APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

The deadline for applications was **Thursday 31 October**, as outlined in the guidance to **Year 6**. If you have missed the deadline, please make a late application by telephoning **01629 533190** as soon as possible. Please note that children with a late application are less likely to be admitted to their 'first choice' school.

### **CYBER BULLYING AWARENESS**

Emma Fisher, a local **PCSO**, will be working with our junior children on Tuesday 12 November. Her theme will be online bullying / harassment and how to deal with it if it occurs.

### **PARKING**

It is the responsibility of **all adults** parking near to the school to protect the safety of pedestrians, especially children who are walking to and from school. Please be considerate to residents too.

### **INSET**

The staff training yesterday focused upon assessment and Special Educational Needs. The next INSET day will be **Monday 24 February**.

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