



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3 – AUTUMN TERM

Harvest Festival

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who came along to the Harvest Festival on Friday. It was wonderful seeing the church so full. The children performed beautifully and with confidence; the sound of their singing filled the church. The food donations were gratefully received and the local community will hugely benefit from your generosity.

Congratulations

All of the staff would like to wish Mrs Shutler and her husband huge congratulations at the news they are expecting their second child next year. Mrs Shutler will be finishing for her maternity leave after Christmas. We will inform you as soon as possible who will be taking over as Wagtails' class teacher, but can assure you that we will minimise disruption for the children.

Parents Evening

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the parents evenings next week. Appointments are available on Scopay on either Tuesday 16th October or Thursday 18th October between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher and find out how they have settled into the new school year.

Messages from the Office Team



Please can all parents / carers be reminded the car parks around the school are public parking areas. This means some people parking here may well be unaware there are children around and do not slow down. It is lovely to see the children running and playing on the green outside the school, but please bear in mind the car park does have other traffic coming in and out. Also, please can we politely remind everyone, not to park at the school car park gates or on the road to Moorhill. Even if you are running late, please use the correct car parks. Parking at the gates or Moorhill, cause a serious hazard to those who walk and need to cross the road



If your child is unwell or absent for any reason, please can you telephone the school office by 9.00am at the latest.

School photos are on Wednesday 10 October 2018. Siblings can come along to school from 8.30am to have their photos taken too, on a first come first served basis



Jewellery and accessories

Children seem to be coming to school in a selection of different hair bands, hair clips, necklaces and bracelets. Whilst all of these are pretty, they should only be worn after school and at weekends. No jewellery is allowed in school (apart from watches) and hair accessories should be sufficient to tie up hair or pin it back with modest clips or hair bands.

Kestrels

This half term, Year 3 & 4 have been learning about the Amazon Rainforest. We have learnt about plants and the way they grow. Over the next few weeks, we will be continuing to learn about all of the different animals in the rainforest too.

As part of our learning journey, we made a new garden bed in our outside area and planted Tulip and Crocus bulbs. The children had to come up with the steps needed in order to do this; preparing themselves for the practical task. They then had a go at digging and turning soil, putting bulbs in the ground, watering the bulbs in and have learnt what a plant needs to grow. We have also allocated 'Garden Monitors' who will be responsible for maintaining our new garden bed.

As part of this topic, we have also been lucky enough to have Holly (Sofia and Jack's Mum) come in to speak to us about the Amazon Rainforest- she has toured there in the past. It was wonderful for the children to be able to hear about this first-hand experience and be able to have the opportunity to ask questions and get answers for all of their exuberant ideas and images of what it is really like to be there.

Clubs

Due to low participation numbers, Street Dance has had to be cancelled this term and other clubs like drama and karate are running with the bare minimum and may not be able to continue next term unless numbers pick up. We are trying to offer a variety of different activities for the children but wonder if there are other clubs that might be of interest to your children that perhaps we can try. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Similarly if you, a grandparent or a friend has a special talent/interest such as gardening and would like to volunteer to help run a lunchtime club, please contact us. At Sopley Primary School, a number of volunteers including grandparents come in once a week to help plant up containers to enhance the outside area and it would be lovely if we could get something similar in place here.

BPSA

Finally a reminder that the BPSA are holding a movie night on Wednesday 17th October from 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. when the children will be watching 'Hotel Transylvania'. The cost is £1.50 and includes popcorn, veggie treats and a drink. Please make payment direct to a member of the BPSA or via Scopay

