Harvest

It was lovely to have so many of you in school this week to listen to the Harvest songs, we hope you enjoyed the lovely singing and seeing all the children. Despite the Autumnal weather, the children sang their hearts out and could be heard above the wind. The children enjoyed sharing their songs with you.

Thank you for all your generous harvest donations for the Freedom Centre and Food bank, we raised £91 and collected several bags of dried goods.

KS2 Exmoor trip

The children were amazing on our trip to Exmoor last week and showed great resilience despite the typical Exmoor weather and the delayed end to our day. They learnt about the physical features of the area and went pond-dipping to investigate what life is found in the streams. The children behaved brilliantly and were great fun to be with. The Pinkery Educational Centre staff said we had a lovely group of children and it was an absolute pleasure to have us visit for the day. Thank you to the KS2 parents for your patience and understanding at the end of the day. Mrs Lake and Mrs Smale did a fantastic job keeping you all updated as best they could.

Yr5 and 6 Cross Country

The Y5 and 6 children took part in a cross-country race at Park School with other Barnstaple primary schools. Our children were great ambassadors for our school as they behaved brilliantly and demonstrated great resilience and positivity towards the race. We are so proud of all of them for trying their best, despite it not being everyone's favourite activity.

Bag2schools

Thank you for your donations this week, we raised £99 towards school funds.

Communication

We are receiving lots of email correspondence for teachers. This is impacting upon their valuable planning and preparation time. Please can I remind you that teachers are available every day at the end of school for you to check in with if needed. If you would like a more in depth conversation with the class teacher we ask that you make an appointment.

We value communication but dealing with email queries is very time consuming for both office staff and teachers. Thank you for your understanding.

PTFA AGM

The PTFA AGM is on Wednesday 20th October at 7pm in the school hall. All are welcome and joining the PTFA is a great way to get to know others within our school community.

Uniform

Thank you to those that have donated to our Thrift shop. We would appreciate any donations of school uniform and P.E kit throughout the year. It's a great way to recycle and is proving to be a popular service. You can order clothing when it's available via [eduspot.](#)

Uniform and P.E kit is also available [via School Threads](#)

Please make sure **ALL** school uniform/coats/shoes are named so if lost they can be returned easily to the correct child.

Coats

We try to get the children outside when we can, so please can you make sure your child has a named coat in school every day whatever the weather.

Absence & Lateness

Please contact the school as soon as possible, by telephone, preferably before 9.00am by ringing 01271 343002. You will be expected to tell us your child's name, class, the reason for the absence and if possible the expected return date. The office staff are helping with the arrival of children in the morning so if no one is available to answer the phone then please leave a message. **Please do not use email for this**.

Gates close at 8.45am, your child should be in school by this time. If they are late please use the front gate so that they can report to the office.

Please ring each day your child is absent or is going to be late.

End of day arrangements

Please make sure your child knows where they should be after school. It is not possible for office staff to take last minute calls and organise your children.

Dates:

Monday 11th October 2.30pm – Pre-school parents talk about how we teach letters and sounds

Wednesday 20th October –PTFA AGM 7pm in the school hall

Friday 22nd October - Tempest photography individual photos – more information to follow

Monday 25th - Friday 29th October - Half term