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The children are now settled into the curriculum and are keen to share with me all they have been learning. The atmosphere in school is lovely, and we are making the most of the end of summer weather. However autumn is officially here, and our harvest celebration will be next Friday. In recent years the legislation around food has made it very difficult to support local causes with actual produce, and so we have taken the decision this year to invite you to contribute to our harvest with a small financial donation, if you wish to, which will be given to the local food banks. (Please see later in the newsletter for details of attending to share the celebration with the children if you are able to.)

It is always lovely to welcome YR parents to Share the Learning each Wednesday morning of this half term; and to the tea this past week. Our youngest children have settled in so well to their life at school.

Last week the children elected their representatives to sit on the three councils – School, Sport and Eco – and their House Captains. It is so important that the children are involved in this way, and we congratulate all those who stood for election last week. Thank you children. We had a 'bumper' praise assembly last week as all the badges were given out. I do hope that the children will wear these with pride.

Y4 had a wonderful visit to Woodrow last week, though perhaps with slightly less sleep than would be ideal! It is all part of the experience, which they thoroughly enjoyed. It was good to have them all back and to share in all they had learned. This week Y6 heard all about the opportunities at the River Dart, which is their residential visit at the end of the year.

Possible visits and visitors for all year groups are on the website for your information. We are always conscious of cost, hence the voluntary Learning Contributions requested pay for all curriculum enrichment and visitors into the school. If you have not yet had a moment to make your contributions, we would be very grateful. They allow us to offer your children an enriched learning experience. Thank you to all parents who have already made the contributions.

Work should take place in the next few weeks to enable the field to be made safe for the children to use again. The playground is going to take somewhat longer, but work is underway to ascertain the underlying problem and to move towards the best solution. In the meantime, the children are coping well without the full playground space. I will continue to update you as I receive more information.

Next week the School Nursing Team are visiting to offer the flu vaccination to the children in YR to Y5. You will have already received information about this, and please be assured that we will be very supportive of the children. Hopefully we can avoid a flu outbreak in the school this coming winter.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support of the school. Although I am not in school today, that is not because I am attending the march in London – I am at a conference. However, in these difficult financial times the school budget has faced a real terms cut and we do appreciate all that 'our' parents do to support the school so that we can offer your children the best possible educational opportunities. Visitors to our school frequently comment on the lovely learning atmosphere, how wonderful the children are, and that they wish their school had been like ours. We can only do this with your support too. Thank you.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

<p><u>Next Week's Reminders</u></p> <p>Tuesday, Flu Vaccinations for Reception - Year 5 children</p> <p>Wednesday, Parent Consultation Appointments Opens</p> <p>Friday, Harvest (Please see further in the Newsletter)</p>	<p><u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u></p> <p>Monday - Mrs Tamlyn</p> <p>Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn</p> <p>Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn</p> <p>Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn</p> <p>Friday - Mrs Tamlyn</p>
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ATTENTION RECEPTION CLASS PARENTS

Just a reminder to Reception Parents that, as stated in the Joinos message sent yesterday, you have to opt out of the School Entry Health Screening if you do not wish your child to be screened. Please see yesterday's message for information. Thank you

Whole School Harvest Assembly
Friday, 5th October 2018 at 2.35pm

You are invited to come along and join us in a celebration of Harvest with the children We are also inviting senior citizens of the village to join us too. This will take place in the School Hall, and space is limited. If you are free on that morning and would like to join us, please contact the office to express your interest in doing so. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis, initially these will be limited to two per family. On the day please do not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to the start of the assembly.

Please note that we are sorry that no small children can attend as this is very disruptive to the children who have worked very hard on their presentations.

Meet the Governors....

Thea Skeldon-George joined the governing body in 2017 and is the Development Governor, which means she manages the training and development of all governors.

"I have worked in financial services for almost 25 years. I have experience as a journalist, communications and marketing specialist and events organiser, and have held senior positions in companies large and small.

As well as being a governor, I am involved with other local bodies including the Scout Executive and the Village Hall Committee in Slapton, where my family lives.

I try to bring my skills in communications and business, as well as my community spirit, to the governing body, in the hope that they make a useful contribution to the work of the governors in supporting the school."

Book Fair: 15th - 19th October 2018

Our selection of books this term will be from Travelling Books, which always provides an excellent range of reading material. Do take this opportunity to visit the Fair and stock up on your children's reading material either after school or during Parents' Evenings

Thank you again to all those parents who support the Book Fairs each term. Once again we will be providing an opportunity for parents to pay by phone in addition to cash (no cheques please, we are now a cheque book free school). As always, books which are received as commission will be added to either the Library stock or classroom collections. Children will be bringing home a Book Fair Leaflet which contains a selection of special offer books. Please see the website for Gift Vouchers <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books>.

We would be grateful, as usual, for help in supervising the Fair. If you are able to help for all or part of a session, please indicate on the attached slip, and return it to Mrs Dance (School Office) by Friday, 12th October 2018.

BOOK FAIR – Autumn 2018

To: Mrs Dance, School Office

I am able to help at the undernoted Book Fair sessions.

Name: Tel No:

Name of Child: Year:

	15.10	16.10	17.10	18.10	19.10
2.00pm - 3.00pm	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX
3.15pm - 3.45pm					
3.30pm - 5.30pm	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX
6.00pm - 8.00pm	XXX	XXX	XXX		XXX

DATA CHECKING SHEETS

All the children will be bringing home a Data Checking Sheet. Please can you check and make any amendments to these and send them back to school as soon as possible.

It is very important that we hold up-to-date information for all parents as this is how we would communicate with you in an emergency.

Data Protection Act 2018 (GDPR): The school is registered under the Data Protection Act for holding personal data. The school has a duty to protect this information and to keep it up to date. The school is required to share some of the data with the Local Authority, DfE and other 3rd parties. For more information please see our privacy policy available on the school website.

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This year we will once again be partaking in the 'Bags to school' initiative.

We will have three dates, one in each term.

The first date is: **Wednesday 17th October 2018**. (Bags to be left at rear gate by 9 am).

The children will be provided with a bag just before each date which can be filled with unwanted clothes, bags, belts and shoes. (Additional black bin bags are also accepted).

These items are then weighed by the company, who specialise in recycling textiles, and the school receive a price for the goods. The more we collect the greater the benefit for the school!

Further instructions will be sent out nearer the time.

Many thanks for your support.

Other Dates to remember First half of Autumn Term:

Cake Sale – Thursday 18th October.

