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6 October 2017

## NEWSLETTER 5

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

### Pupil Achievements

Well done to Isabelle W. and Harry C. from Class 8 and Nonye O. Class 9 for completing my Summer Reading and Writing Challenge.



### Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 12 October at 2.15pm. This year we are again supporting the Stevenage Community Food Bank, therefore we are asking children to bring in items from the following list: **Breakfast Cereals, Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Tinned Meals, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Meat, Tins of Fruit, Tea, Coffee, Tinned Sweetcorn, UHT Milk, Custard, and Soup.**

By donating food in this way, it will be much easier for the staff at the food bank to cater for the needs of their clients. We would be happy to receive donations from Monday 9 October. These can be donated to your child's class. If you would like to find out more about this group please go to

<http://stevenagecommunityfoodbank.org.uk>

We would also be grateful for any beautifully presented boxes of produce; these will go with some of our Year 6 pupils to Silkin Court on the afternoon of Friday 13 October. I know that the residents there will be delighted to receive them and they often write lovely thank you letters as a result.



### Parents Consultation Evenings – 16 & 17 October

The deadline for appointment requests was today. Your confirmed consultation time will come out via pupil post on Thursday 12 October. Mr Tatton and the SEN team will be offering consultations week beginning 6 November for pupils on a SEN support plan.

### KS2 MSA Vacancy

We have a full time vacancy in KS2 (6hrs 15mins per week 11.55-1.10 daily) term time only. Please contact the School Office for a Job Description and Application Form. Closing date is Monday 9 October with interviews to be held on Friday 13 October from 9.00am.

### Y6 Secondary School Applications

I have been asked to remind our Y6 parents that the final deadline for Secondary School Applications is **Tuesday 31 October 2017.**



### Headlice

Please check your child as there have been a large number of 'sightings' recently!



### Photographs

I would like to remind you that the family and individual photographs will be on **Thursday 19 October.** I am sure that the children will look as smart as they normally do on this occasion.



### Sport fixtures

Well done to the girls' Football team who played last Friday against Bedwell. The girls played very well showing good spirit and worked well as a team. Player of the match goes to Amba A. for her superb effort and fantastic defending.

Ashtree boys' Football team put in a very professional performance against St. Nicholas. The boys ran out 7-0 victors with goals coming from Jack P (2), Harrison F (2), Albert M, Calum F and Dylan W. Player of the match goes to Dylan W. for his excellent dribbling, brilliant assist and cool finishing.

## Executive Committee

I am pleased to let you know that the Executive Committee of the School Council are the following pupils:

<b>Chairperson</b>	- Suzan A.
<b>Vice Chair</b>	- Kieron A.
<b>Secretary</b>	- Ella-Mae A.
<b>Eco Chairperson</b>	- Ronnie G.

**Dinner Behaviour Awards** 

The winners for this week are Classes 3 & 13

**Attendance Cup** 

The winner for this week is Class 6 with 99%.



## Diary Dates for Autumn Term



Harvest Festival	-	Thursday 12 October
Y6 Silkin Court Visit	-	Friday 13 October
Parents Consultations	-	Monday 16 / Tuesday 17 October
Individual Photos	-	Thursday 19 October
Half-term	-	Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October
INSET Day 3	-	Monday 30 October - <b>school closed to children</b>
Last day of term	-	Tuesday 19 December at <b>2.15pm</b>

### Spring Term 2018:

First day of term	-	Wednesday 3 January
Half-term	-	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Last day of term	-	Thursday 29 March at <b>2.15pm</b>

### Summer Term 2018:

First day of term	-	Monday 16 April
May Day	-	Monday 7 May - <b>school closed to children</b>
14 – 18 May	-	KS2 SATS week ( <b>No holiday will be authorised during this week</b> )
Half-term	-	Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June
10 -15 June	-	Y6 Kingswood Trip – Isle of Wight
11 - 15 June	-	Y1 Phonics Test Week ( <b>No holiday will be authorised during this week</b> )
INSET Day 4	-	Friday 6 July – <b>school closed to children</b>
Last day of term	-	Friday 20 July at <b>2.15pm</b>
INSET Day 5	-	Monday 23 July – <b>school closed to children</b>
Occasional Days	-	Tuesday 24 July – Friday 27 July - <b>school closed to children.</b>

**Please note: Key Stage 2 SATs week; 14 – 18 May 2018. The Y1 phonics test will be held during the week of 11 June. KS1 (Y2) SATs process will take place in May.**

**Please ensure pupils do not book any family holidays during these times as they will be unauthorised.**

*E. Kirwan*