

Headteacher: Mrs Ali Hambley

18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Cannot believe it is the end of the half term already – these past 6 weeks seem to have really flown by. It has been a very busy half term and thanks to everyone for your support in all the events that have taken place:

The Jeans for Genes Day was a great success raising £67.00.

The Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – thanks again to everyone who supplied cakes, to Mrs Hoadley, Miss Tuddenham, Mrs Divall and Mrs Vyse for set up and serving, to everyone who supported the event raising £146.53.



Thanks to everyone who supported the Census Meal with an uptake of 60 pupils.



Another fantastic Harvest Festival, great performances from the pupils, some lovely singing (great RESILIENCE shown despite technical issues with the music) and WOW what a very generous hamper we will be sending to the Local Food Bank.

Thank you to both Farmer Wright for his very entertaining talk, Mrs Wright for her able assistance during the talk, to Mr Houseman for his address and to Jack Betney for being such a fantastic Master of Ceremonies. (Donations from Thurlton Primary School and Thurlton Pre-School).

Parent/Carers Evenings were well attended, our thanks go to our Governors, Mrs Bell, Mrs Howell, Mrs Dickens and Mr Betney who supported us on these two evenings.

At your meeting you will have received a short report on the progress your child/ren have made and ways you can support your child/ren's learning.

As you are aware children are no longer levelled in their learning rather they are assessed against the Learning Objectives for their school year group.

I have attached how we as a school have assessed your child/ren against the Age Related Expectations (ARE's):

**working below age-related expectations** –

pupil is working on objectives for children more than one academic year below their current age.

**working towards age-related expectations** –

pupil is working on objectives for children in the year below their current age

**working within age-related expectations** –

pupil is working on objectives for their age group (with support when required)

**working at age-related expectations** –

pupil is working on objectives for their age group with little support

**working confidently at age-related expectations** –

pupil is working securely on objectives for their age group and sometimes to a greater depth than expected.

I hope this helps to clarify the assessments but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to either the class teacher or myself.

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire. I will collate your opinions and comments and give a summary as soon as it is complete. If the Parents/Carers who made comments about behaviour and rewards and about the website are able to provide me with additional information, either written or coming to see me I would be very grateful so I can ensure that those issues are fully addressed.

It was lovely to see so many of our pupils receiving 100% attendance for this half term. As a school, we are currently below our target of a 98% attendance rate with an attendance rate of 95%.



We are looking to raise money to develop the area beside the car park with raised beds, gravel paths, a greenhouse, a tool shed and new tools and some new play resources for lunchtimes. All pupils are invited to take part in an Autumn Scavenger Hunt (information and sponsor forms are in Book Bags. I hope that we can raise lots of money to start our fund and have fun in the process. (Both the KS1 and the KS2 forms are on the website in case any get *lost*).

I am sure you all wondering when the play equipment will be finished. There have been some issues with the contractors but we are confident that the work will be completed by mid-November.

As you are aware all our pupils have been invited to have the flu vaccination – please remember to fill in the on-line form otherwise your child/ren will not be able to have the vaccination. There are NO forms available from the school. Permission can ONLY be given via the online form.

Next half term looks just as busy with Road Safety workshops and a Safety Week, the Travelling Book Fair, a Hot Chocolate and Bedtime Stories evening, individual and sibling photographs, Children in Need, Christmas Performances, Come Look and Share and the school trip to the Pantomime.



New menu for next half term will be on the website ready for next half term – there are a couple of additions: Chicken mayonnaise is now an option for sandwiches/wraps and tuna is available as a jacket potato filling.

All that is left is for the staff and myself to wish you a happy half term holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 8.45am.

Thank you for your continued support to the school and please remember my door is always open.

Ms Hambley

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