

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Mufti day for Harvest

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Harvest sale at 2.45pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Individual school photographs

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' evening 4–6pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' evening 4–7pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October –  
– Y4 trip to Lunt Roman Fort  
– Y5 trip to Cosford  
– Y1 trip to Telford  
– Reception & Nursery sponsored walk  
– Y6 assembly  
– Children break up for half term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Half term holiday

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October –  
– School closed for training day  
– Deadline for secondary school applications

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Y2 trip to Dudley Zoo

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November –  
– Y6 trip to Chester Zoo  
– Y3 assembly

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 assembly

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Mufti day for Children in Need

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Roman day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 assembly

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fayre

# NEWSLETTER

11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016



As we are now working towards becoming a recognised Rights Respecting School, you will notice references to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Articles below.

### **Give Hunger the Boot – UNCRC (Article 24)**

Thank you for supporting our 'wear your wellies to school' day last week. I'm pleased to confirm that we raised a total of £165.43 for Farm Africa Give Hunger the Boot charity.

### **Harvest – UNCRC (Article 24 and 27)**

We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Children can wear their own clothes to school and donate an item of food towards our harvest celebrations. We would be very grateful if your child could bring an item of food such as tinned food, rice, pasta, biscuits etc. If you would like to donate any fresh items please send these into school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, when we will be celebrating harvest and will be holding a sale of the items donated. You are invited into school from 2.45pm to purchase items donated. All money raised will be donated to the Black Country Food Bank.

### **Training Day**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October will be a training day and school will be closed to children. School will reopen to children following the half term on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **Reception & Secondary Admissions**

The online application process for Secondary and Reception places for September 2017 is now open. If you have a child currently in Nursery or in Year 6, you will need to complete the online application form. It is vital you do this before the closing date as without it your child will not be allocated a school place in September 2017. If you need any support to complete the online application, then our Learning Mentor, Mrs Adams, will be pleased to help you.

### **Parking – UNCRC (Article 3 and 19)**

Can we please ask that you park considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. Don't forget that there is a resident's only parking bay opposite the school gates, for which a permit is required. Please also avoid parking on double yellow lines, the yellow zig zags directly outside school or blocking a driveway where there is a dropped curb. We have also received reports of some parents parking on other people's drives and using the residents only car park at the top of Heath Street. Please park respectfully and have consideration for neighbours. Don't forget there is a car park on Marlow Street which is just a short walk away.

### **School Photographs**

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, taking photographs of individuals and families. Parents/guardians are more than welcome to bring younger, pre-school aged brothers/sisters into the hall to have family photos taken with their brothers or sisters in school from 8.10am.

### **Residentials – UNCRC (Article 28)**

We are finalising numbers for the year 4 residential trip to Kingswood in March and the year 6 residential trip to Ingestre Hall in May. If you would like your child to attend and have not yet paid a deposit please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

### **Children in Need – UNCRC (Article 1)**

Children in Need will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November this year. School Council have been discussing different ways for us to raise money for this worthy cause and are asking children to come to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November dressed as they might for their future job, for a donation of £1. Look out for the School Council newsletter that will be sent out this week.

### **Reminder – UNCRC (Article 28)**

Can parents be reminded that school ends at 3.15pm for Reception, 3.30pm for afternoon nursery and 3.20pm for the rest of the school. Can we please ask that parents who arrive early avoid disturbing children and staff in the Early Years and KS1 playground. In order to keep children safe can we ask parents who bring children to afternoon nursery to avoid talking to children through the fence.

### **My Maths – UNCRC (Article 28)**

After half term we will be launching My Maths; an exciting new way for children to complete maths homework. Children will be set maths homework to complete online every two weeks. More information will be provided closer to the time along with login details.

### **RHS Level 3 – UNCRC (Article 29)**

Congratulations to the pupils involved in our School Food Project and Gardening club supported by Mrs E Adams and Mrs M Smith.

They have been working towards the Royal Horticultural Society gardening awards.

Prior to the summer they achieved levels 1 and 2 receiving rewards of planting guides and a book about gardening.

On return to school they submitted evidence for level 3 and were successful.

This has meant that they have been rewarded with a Rocket Gardens Voucher worth £150 to exchange for a series of three boxes brimming with vegetable and fruit plug plants. The first box, an autumn garden, was delivered to school last week and the pupils involved spent time planting it out into the school garden.

They are now working towards the next level and we wish them continued success.