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Dear Families

This week has flown by in a flash. The children have finished working on a whole school art project based on Talavera patterns. They have created beautiful and unique pieces which showcase their creativity and personality. We have brought all the pieces together, like an interlocking jigsaw puzzle and the finished piece symbolises the spirit of collaboration and appreciation for the unique contributions of all our children.

I have done a number of prospective parent tours this week and the children have been amazing at modelling excellent behaviour and articulating their learning to our visitors.

Enjoy your weekend.

Jane Sharrock

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Every Friday in our Celebration Assembly, children have the opportunity to share their achievements, out of school. They can bring in trophies, certificates, photographs, medals and speak about their successes in front of the whole school.



HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION – TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

This year, we will be supporting Worthing Food Bank, who provide emergency food for local people in crisis. Val John, Foodbank Manager, will be at our school assembly next Monday to talk to the children about her work.

We would greatly appreciate any donations. Please can children bring in items on Tuesday, 3rd October for the Harvest Festival Service. Here are some suggestions from the Foodbank:

Milk (UHT), fruit juice (long life), tinned fruit, tinned custard, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, instant mash potato, tinned meat, toilet rolls and shampoo.

Thank you for your support.



READING AMBASSADORS

Thank you for the Reading Ambassador applications, results will be shared with you next week.

ANGMERING MILE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the seven intrepid runners that turned up in the pouring rain for the first Angmering Mile of the season. There were strong performances from everyone. Special mention goes to Caitlin who was awarded a medal as third girl.

We look forward to seeing a strong turn out at the runs throughout the season.



A FEW REMINDERS

As the weather is changing, please ensure your child comes to school each day in a suitable outdoor coat or jacket. We kindly ask that these are labelled with your child's name.

Please can we remind parents and carers not to bring dogs onto the **school** grounds at any time of the day. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

NEWS FROM YOUR PTA

Wow, what a hot one it was at the Sheep Fair, especially near the BBQs! Lovely to see some school faces come and say hello. Thank you so much for all your delicious cake donations which were enjoyed by many. A big thank you to all the volunteer helpers who made the long, hot day fun. We appreciate you! All funds raised will go towards stocking the new library.

Dates for your diary - Firework Night is back with a (LOUD) bang on the evening of **Friday 10th November**. As we are setting up on the day, any spare time you can give to help, would be very welcome. Without enough help, the event cannot take place. Please speak to one of us or our email is address below.

Bag2School collection dates are **Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 18th April**. More details to follow.

Our next meeting date is **Tuesday 7th November 6pm** at The Black Horse - All welcome.

Many thanks.

Your PTA

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DATES FOR 2023/2024

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

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| Mon 25 September | Worthing Food Bank will be at our assembly (children only) |
| Tues 3 October | Harvest Festival Service at school (9.15am) – Parents welcome |
| Sat 7 October | Year 5 and Year 6 Shakespeare workshop at Windlesham School |
| Tues 10 October | Parent Consultations (4pm – 7pm) – details to follow |
| Wed 11 October | Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 5.30pm) – details to follow |
| Tues 17 October | Ash and Willow Fairy Tale WOW day |
| Wed 18 October | Six Weeks In meeting for new families – details to follow |
| w/c 23 - 27 October | Half-term break |
| Mon 30 October | INSET Day |
| Tues 31 October - 3 Nov | Year 6 Bikeability Training with WSCC |
| Wed 1 November | Bag2School collection (9am) |
| Tues 7 November | PTA Meeting at The Black Horse (6pm) |
| Sat 10 November | PTA Fireworks Night – information to follow |
| Tues 21 November | School Photos |
| Thurs 23 November | Influenza nasal spray vaccinations – information to follow |
| Tues 5 December | Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm) |
| Wed 6 December | Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm) |
| Wed 13 December | Christmas Service (time and venue to be confirmed) |

INSET DAYS 2023/2024

1. Friday 1st September
2. Monday 30th October
3. Tuesday 2nd January
4. Monday 15th April
5. Monday 3rd June