



We are looking forward to our Harvest Celebration on 20<sup>th</sup> October. It will be the first time this Academic year that all your children and teachers come together with all our parents. Your children have been working really hard to learn some beautiful songs and we know you will thoroughly enjoy it. All parents are welcome along with grandparents and the wider family – the more the merrier! The concert will finish at approximately 3.15pm and after school clubs and classes will run as normal after school.



## This Week's Shooting Stars



**Diya** – Mastering Division

**Koutaro** – Working hard to perfect his Spanish accent

**Jacob D** – Fantastic independent changing for P.E

**Tyler** – A lovely attitude to learning

**Max S** – Progress on the drums

**Jackson** – Super effort in Science and Numeracy

**Alan** – trying really hard this week in all lessons

**Kera** – Fantastic independent changing for P.E

**Max S** – Understanding Form 6 number sequence

**Katherine** – Trying really hard with her tricky words.

## This Week's Golden Tea Children

Chosen at random this week, were:

Zac S

Chloe B

Seth

Mrs Wilson is looking forward to having

Ilora

Kirril

tea with you all!

**Tapestry** Tapestry is an online system which allows the Pre School and Reception staff to make visual records of a child's learning journey throughout the day. Parents will be able to log onto the account using individual secure access and see what their child has been learning at school that day. Tapestry provides a virtual window into your child's world. We are very exciting about this wonderful new initiative and hope it will be in place by the end of next week. Pre School and Reception parents will receive further information and log in details at this time.

**Age Concern** We will be collecting food donations for Age Concern as part of our Harvest Celebration. Please bring your contribution to school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Tea, coffee, tinned soup, dry pasta, sauces... single items, hampers, filled gift bags.. whatever you choose it is always gratefully received.

**School Council Feedback** Thank you to Hannah, our school Council prefect for feeding back your children's suggestions at our last full staff meeting -

- More footballs required in the playground – Agreed. Purchased and introduced last week.
- Skipping Ropes requested for break times – Agreed. Purchased and introduced last week.
- Art supplies and puzzles requested for the 'Quiet Zone' in the playground – Agreed. Environmental Prefects to arrange
- Upper School Art Club requested – To be investigated for next term
- Pre School and Reception requested more dressing up clothes – Ordered for delivery next week
- Lemon cake, brownies and cookies requested as an alternative to fresh fruit for dessert – This suggestion comes up nearly every meeting! We have a strict Healthy Eating Policy we must adhere to. However, on special occasions such as our Christmas Day lunch we will consider these suggestions. Children were reminded that once a week desserts such as ice cream, jelly or yogurt are provided!
- Pizza for lunch requested – We are restricted by the number of ovens we have and the inability to keep pizza warm after cooking. Also conflicts with our Healthy Eating Policy. Happy to inform FoSMS of children's suggestion for their parties.
- Monkey -Bars in school playground – We will take this into consideration when we next redesign our playground.

### **Autumn Term 2016**

Half Term Break: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Term Ends: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### **Spring Term 2017**

Return to School: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Half Term Break: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Term Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

### **Summer Term 2017**

Return to School: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Half Term Break: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Term Ends: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### **Autumn Term 2017**

Return to School Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Book Cards** Our exciting new reading cards provide children and parents with a complete reading journey from Pre School all the way to Form 6. They will also cover Form 7 and Form 8 books for Form 6 and all children who are working one year ahead, and beyond. They are a graduated system we have developed from the National Literacy objectives which include a variety of age appropriate statements. They are designed to be used in conjunction with their school reading books but are also relevant to all free readers. They are also used in conjunction with their reading record books. They are a prompt for parents who read with them to focus on key skills and outcomes which are stated on their card. There are 23 cards in total which signpost the entire reading journey. Once your child's teacher has seen a target reached on 3 occasions it will be ticked off. Once a card has been completed they will move on to the next card. This means, of course, that the child's reading targets are always tailored to the individual child and the challenge is open ended. More details will be provided next week when all will become clear!