

Dear Parents,

What an amazing Harvest Festival Celebration we had this morning led by Rev Graham Clarke for the Baptist Church. Thank you for your generosity in supporting 'Feed St Albans'. The School Council had great fun packing all of the donations into the back of Mrs Storkey's car to take to the Vineyard Church.

The Governors and FOWI organised a very successful race Night last Friday that was enjoyed by all and raised money for the school in the process. A special thank you to Chris Kelly for running the evening and thank you to Emma Larking who kindly donated her winnings back to FOWI.



This week we have had 2 occasions when children have been invited on play dates but parents have not let the school know that their child is being collected by someone else. As part of our safeguarding policy we will not let your child go unless we have your permission. Please make sure you let the class teacher know if your child is going home with someone else as it can be quite distressing for your child if we won't let them go, especially if we also have difficulty getting hold of you to confirm the details.

After half term the children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be given new 'challenges' or targets to work on over the coming weeks. Following on from Parent Forum feedback last term these targets will be given to children in class rather than at a separate meeting.

Your child's Class Teacher will speak to your child and tell them what their next steps of learning will be and these will also be recorded in the back of their reading response books. These discussions with the children will happen the first week back after half term.

**EARLY YEARS: 'WE'VE GONE DECONSTRUCTED'**



This week the children in Early Years have been both collaborating and using their imaginations to create their own role play environments. This less prescriptive approach to a role play area allows for the children to think, plan and create any model of their choosing. This enables the children to display their understanding of the world around them as well as offering the opportunity to enhance some of their learning powers such as capitalising and making links like Doris Dog.'

You can see pictures of a lion feeder and some fishing boats. Other creations have included a castle, train, car, knights table and a magic carpet. If you have any boxes or materials that we can use please send them into school.

**RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING**

A reminder that the meeting for Reception parents to explain how you child learns in Reception will take place **next Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm** in the school hall. FOWI will be selling tea and coffee so remember to bring some change with you!

**SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS**

We are trying to arrange a family photograph session for siblings. This is likely to be one afternoon after school. Further details will be sent out as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

**Diary Dates**

**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

NSPCC Assembly

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**9.00am**

Class Assembly Oak

**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**7.30pm – 8.30pm**

Reception Meeting

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Deadline for Completion of  
online Flu Immunisation Forms:

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER –**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Half Term

**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

INSET DAY

**WEEK COMMENCING 14<sup>th</sup>**

**OCTOBER 2017**

**SCHOOL MENU:**

**Week 1**

## **FOREST SCHOOL**

Earlier in the year Mrs Lowe and Mrs Norman attended Forest School training to increase the range of activities that the children can participate in. They have already put some of these skills into practise and have recently introduced a lunchtime Forest School Club. This week they shared the knowledge that they have gained with other staff members including fire skills, using a Kelly kettle and other autumnal activities. Mrs Greening was also on hand to share her extensive Forest School Knowledge and ensure staff had a hot cup of tea!



If you have been working in your garden and have been pruning any Willow, Elder or Silver Birch, please send cuttings into school for us to use. Thank you!

## **STOP MEANS STOP CAMPAIGN**

The 'Stop Means Stop' Campaign, is running up until half-term. Mrs Gill will be wearing a high viz bib over her uniform and Hertfordshire Highways will be putting messages on the roadside visual display boards to promote the safety messages.

The campaign is running to raise awareness to all drivers and especially drivers who travel close to schools, of the importance of stopping when asked to do so by a patrol, and in general for school children on their journey to school.

It would also help Mrs Gill if cars are not parked on the Ridgeway near to Downes Road, this limits Mrs Gill's visibility and also the visibility of drivers coming along the Ridgeway. Traffic restrictions are in place on the Ridgeway and the system works on a tidal flow process as follows:

**In the morning:** parking is not permitted on the side of the road closest to the school i.e. on the left hand side if you are looking from Marshalswick Lane towards Sandringham School.

**In the afternoon:** parking is not permitted on the side of the road furthest away from the school i.e. on the right hand side if you are looking from Marshalswick Lane towards Sandringham School.

Parking restrictions also exist in Downes Road at the beginning and end of the school day.

Further details can be found on our website at [www.wheatfieldsinfants.herts.sch.uk/parking](http://www.wheatfieldsinfants.herts.sch.uk/parking)

## **CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES**

This year we will be packing Christmas shoeboxes to send to children around the world. After half term we will be asking the children to send in voluntary donations of toiletries, toys and colouring pens, paper etc. If you have any empty shoeboxes that we can pack, please send them into school. Look out for further details of what we would like individual classes to donate. Miss Read and Mrs Nicholl will be organising this on behalf of the school

## **BAGS2SCHOOL**

Another Bags2School collection has been arranged for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Look out for the bags which will be sent home next week. You may wish to have a sort out during half term! Bags2School accept the following items for RE-USE: Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Curtains, Towels, Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).

They **DO NOT** accept: Duvets and blankets, Pillows and cushions, School uniforms with and without logo.

## **HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSE At WHEATFIELDS INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL**

CSE run multi-sports holiday courses during the holidays. Every day your child will take part in a variety of sports including tennis, basketball, football, netball, cricket, dance, rounders, gymnastics, orienteering, dodgeball, tri-golf, volleyball, handball & more. Days run from 9am-3pm or 5pm. Everyone is welcome from ages 4-11 so come along and make the most of your half term by making new friends, keeping active and most importantly having fun. For more information go to <https://www.challengesporteducation.co.uk/courses/> flyer attached.

**We hope you have an enjoyable and safe weekend,  
Miss Cockburn and the Staff Team.**