

## Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it to the end of a busy half-term! This week the whole school has been buzzing about this year's School and Eco Council elections. The whole school voted for the positions of Chair Person, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and the Key Stage 2 classes also elected their class representatives. The elections have been an excellent opportunity for the children to learn about democracy in action. It has also enabled the candidates to express their views and ideas and experience what running an election campaign is all about. I was delighted to see so many pupils putting their name forward, wishing to make a real difference to the life of the school through School Council or Eco work. Congratulations to Nahia (Chair), Beth (Deputy Chair), Gracie (Treasurer), Iris (Secretary) and to all the newly elected class reps.

I wish you a very relaxing half-term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October.



Heidi Otranen Headteacher

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

The Secondary application closing date is 31st October. It is recommended that parents complete applications by Friday 28th October as there will be limited cover over the weekend to offer support.



Our chosen charity for this year's Harvest Appeal was Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). MAF uses planes to transform the lives of the world's most isolated people in need. The whole school learned about the work of this charity when MAF visited the school earlier this term and each class shared aspects of the charity's work in our very well attended Harvest Service in early October. Year 3 children had researched some of the countries MAF visits and Year 2 children illustrated the different types of professionals who make up the MAF plane crew. Reception children shared their model planes they have made in class and Year 1 children gave us the A to Z of items that go into the plane's cargo. Year 5 children explained how MAF has made a difference to families abroad and Year 6 helped everyone to understand what we can do to help. The service was finished by Year 4 children who read out very thoughtful prayers they had written on paper airplanes and the prayers were then 'flown' to the altar. Thank you for all your donations to MAF; we collected £197 in total.



## PTA GOING FORWARD

Firstly many thanks for all who came along to the PTA AGM. We have lots of people who are keen to be involved in the PTA going forward but no-one able to commit to the role of the traditional Chair. We therefore decided at the AGM to continue the PTA in a slightly different way to how it has been run in the past. Going forward we will not have the traditional role of 'Chair'; instead the PTA will have a number of different committees with Team Leaders who will co-ordinate each individual event. If you would like to be involved in any of the committees, please just contact the Team Leader below.

After School Quick Fundraisers - School Uniform/Tuck Shop/ Sports Day - Cheryl & Bridget <u>chezzel87@gmail.com</u> <u>bmizzard@btinternet.com</u>

Parent Social Events Committee - Quiz Night and Other Socials! -Melissa <u>melissaandmark@virginmedia.com</u>

Children's Social Events Committee -Disco - Mira <u>mira\_shah97@yahoo.co.uk</u> Xmas Parties - Gaenor <u>gaenoryoung@talktalk.net</u>

Summer & Winter Fayres Committee - Eli (Summer) <u>eli\_4enkova@hotmail.com</u>, Louise (Winter) <u>louise-</u> mariegray@hotmail.co.uk

Kind regards Your PTA



## Autumn Term 2016 Dates

Date	Event
Mon 24th October to Fri 28th October	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Tues 1st November	Year 3 Swimming lessons commence
Wed 2nd November	All Saints Day celebrations, including Mass at 9:30am (all welcome) Parent Consultation Evening—3:30pm to 5:30pm
Thurs 3rd November	Parent Consultation Evening—3:30pm to 4:20pm & 5pm to 7:20pm
• Mon 7th November	• Isle of Wight meeting for Year 5 parents at 6pm
• Wed 9th November	• PTA Non-uniform Day in exchange for Christmas Fayre donations
Mon 14th November	Friendship Week commences (Anti-bullying Week)
• Wed 16th November	• PTA Non-uniform Day in exchange for Christmas Fayre donations
• Sat 19th November	• PTA Christmas Fayre, 12-3pm
Tues 29th November	'Mindfulness' Parenting Workshop, 9-11am, all welcome (more details to follow)
Fri 2nd December	Christmas Design Technology Day
• Wed 7th December	• Year 4 Greek Day
Fri 9th December	Year 6 Class Assembly at 2:45pm
Mon 12th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity dress rehearsal at 10am Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show dress rehearsal at 2pm
Tues 13th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity performance at 11am Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show performance at 2pm
Wed 14th December	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Show performance at 2pm Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Church at 6:30pm
Thurs 15th December	Junior Christmas Parties (pm)
Fri 16th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party (am) Infant Christmas Parties (pm)
Mon 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Tues 20th December	Pantomime at the Rhodes Centre (Reception to Year 6)
Wed 21st December	Autumn Term finishes at 1:30pm

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Please note more dates will be added accordingly.