

'Nurture Inspire Discover Create'



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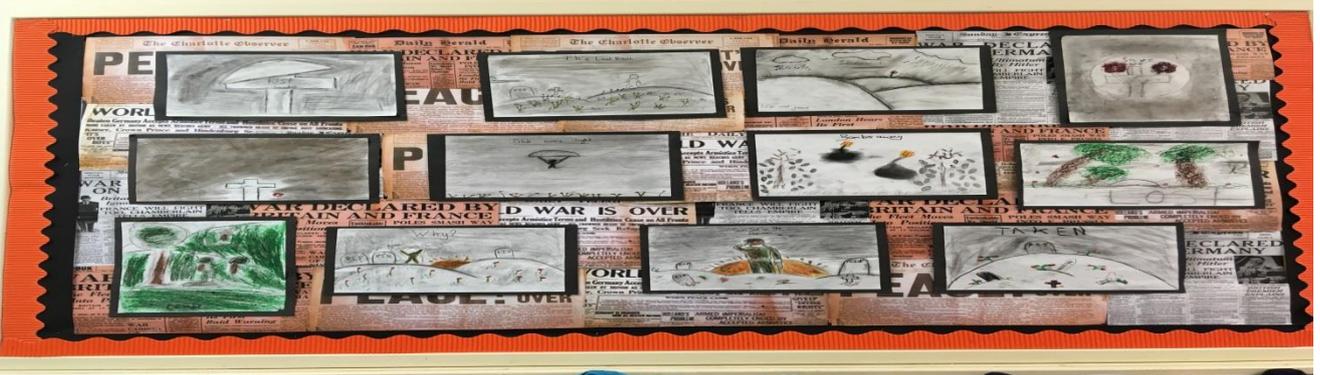
Dear parents, pupils and members of the community, welcome to our October newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the children at our recent Harvest Festival. From the courageous and confident performance of Class 1 to the poetic and diverse offerings of Class 4, it was lovely to see the children flexing their character muscles as they celebrated Harvest and donated generously. This kind of positive contribution to society is something we are looking to continue through our newly formed Gardening Plan. The plan aims to make a positive contribution to society and support mental well-being by sharing out carefully nurtured produce. It was with sadness we said goodbye to Cherry and James as they stepped down from organising The Stathern Duathlon. We would like to thank them for this year's successful Duathlon and for the difference they have made to physical activity and school sport over the years through this wonderful event thanks to the money it raises. The good news is that the event is set to continue through new organisers; this is so important as we look to promote happiness, health and well-being amongst all young people. There's a real historical feel to our topics in school this term as we use lessons learnt from 1066, World War 2 and travel and transport from the past, to understand the present and improve the future. A huge thank you to FOSS for supporting inspirational trips, visits and visitors to help support our exciting curriculum. I would also like to thank you for your continued commitment in supporting reading – it really is at the heart of all we do. *Mr Lee*

Class 2 Nene Valley Trip – 25th Sept – Looking at travel and transport from the past (*please visit the website*)



Class 4 – Understanding how WW2 shaped the present and how lessons learned might shape our future



Dates and Things to Remember:

- Y5/6 Football Tournament – Fri 25th Oct – 11-2:30pm*
 - Halloween Disco @ WMI – Fri 25th Oct*
 - Class 4@ Beaumanor WW2 Day – Mon 28th Oct
 - YR-4 All Saints Service @ St Guthlacs – Mon 28th Oct- 2:30pm*
 - Y5/6 Tag Ruby – Tues 29th Oct – 12-2:30pm*
 - YR-6 Flu Immunisation – Fri 1st Nov
 - Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics – Wed 6th Nov*
 - Remembrance Service – 11th Nov
 - KS1 & KS2 Choirs @ Melton Christmas Lights – Fri 29th Nov – 11:15am*
 - Christmas Fair – Sat 7th Dec – 2-4pm*
 - Eastwell Concert – TBC*
 - Senior Citizens Tea Party – Mon 16th Dec – 2pm
 - YR-2 Nativity @ St Guthlacs – Wed 18th Dec – 2pm & 5:30pm*
 - Celebration and Carol Service @ St Guthlacs – Fri 20th – 2pm*
 - INSET – 6th Jan
 - First day back - 7th Jan
- *Parents welcome*

The Gardening Plan!

We wanted to share our initial plans around the growing of vegetables and flowers this year. Our aim is to encourage children to develop their ability to care and nurture through looking after these plants. We also want to encourage pupils to make a positive contribution to society whilst improving well-being and developing a healthy relationship with food.

In the Autumn Terms we will be planting flowers, pumpkins, onions and beetroots whilst hunting out any apples! In the Spring and Summer Terms we will be planting potatoes, lettuce, carrots, leeks and peas. We'll be using smaller recycled/upcycled vessels in school and larger beds at the WMI.

We will then harvest these at the appropriate times for the following events:

- Stathern Show – Vegetables for the various categories
- Christmas Fair Class Enterprise – Pumpkin Soup, Onion Soup, Apple Crumble or Chutney, Beetroot Cake
- Dove Cottage – Flowers to contribute to society
- Stathern Summer Farmers Market @ Summer Fair – Potato Challenge, Foodbank/Charity Donations, Enterprising Stalls, Local Community Donations

Sports, Health and Well Being Update

It's time to introduce our newly trained Sports Crew! Our young leaders enjoyed a full day of training recently which included an assessed presentation and practical activities to prepare them for working with Mrs Rozentals and the children at lunchtime. I was so impressed by their leadership qualities and the way they ran effective sessions with such positive and confident communication skills.



Governor Corner – Welcome and Ofsted Update

This is always an incredibly busy time for governance; especially this year as there is a new Ofsted Framework under which all schools will be inspected. Our last inspection was in 2010 and we were judged to be Outstanding. The DfE then decided that all outstanding schools should be exempt from visits by Ofsted. This means, that for a small school like ours, many changes can happen and Ofsted never get to see just how fantastic we continue to be. It has been announced that no school will be exempt and it will be even harder to gain an outstanding judgement than it was before. But, what we love about the new framework is that it will examine the experience that our children get in school, through the school curriculum, instead of a hard focus on how well they do in tests. The implication for us then, is that we continually strive to be a provider of an outstanding educational experience for all of our children. We will relentlessly strive to support and challenge the school to fulfil its vision for all of our children; as we nurture and inspire them to find learning irresistible on their journey towards a discovery of academic and personal excellence' in order to go out and create a difference in their own lives and the world around them. We are always happy to answer any questions about school governance and you can always get in touch with us through the school office.

Clare Allen – Chair of Governors