

Dear Parents/Carers,

Swift as a shadow October has arrived and summer seems but a hazy memory. As the days darken and requests for the heating to be turned on become more frequent, school has settled into a happy rhythm. I've highlighted some of the key points but please keep an eye on the 'What's On' page of our website for any additions or alterations.

### *Recent events*

**THANK YOU** – A massive thank you to everyone who contributed cakes and/or made it to our Macmillan coffee morning. It was our best attended yet and raised a magnificent £438.95! If you have a spare moment check out the photos on the website.

**STAFF CHANGES** – We are saying a sad farewell to Mrs. Shillito this Friday as she leaves us for a completely different challenge at Hertford Regional College. Mrs. Shillito has been a fabulous member of our team and will be sadly missed but I am sure that you will join me in wishing a hearty 'hello' to her replacement, Mrs. Sarah Heighway, who will be joining Mrs. Bone as part of the Ash team.

### *Coming soon*

**FRIENDS** – Our fabulous FRIENDS would love you to join their ranks and are therefore holding a recruitment meeting at **2.30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall – directly before the Sharing Assembly**. There are many different ways that you can be part of or support FRIENDS so please do come along and join in.

**'MOVING ON' – Year Six Secondary Transfer** - Just a reminder to Year 6 parents that the online application system for secondary school places is now open. See [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org) for more details. Look up the dates for Open Evenings you want to attend – they start this week. Applications need to be in before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. **Please ensure your application is in on time**. If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact the office and make an appointment to see me.

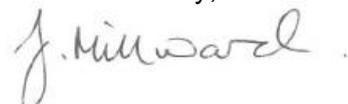
**'MEET THE TEACHER' – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Reception, 2, 4 & 6** – This is an opportunity to see how your child has settled in to their class after the summer break. Appointment times to be sent out nearer the time. These are set dates, and due to high numbers of children, teachers will be unable to make alternative appointments.

**PE DEVELOPMENT DAY – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – It's Year 4s turn to show off their PE skills at Wodson Park – 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

**WHOLE SCHOOL TOPIC DAY – Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October** – This term's topic day is focussed on the theme 'Music and Maths'. We're asking the children to dress as their favourite musician or mathematician and enjoy a day of Music and Maths themed activities. The children have planned some great activities at their September School Council meeting and we're all looking forward to seeing their plans made real. For more details of our School Council the link is: [http://www.hunsdon.herts.sch.uk/Pupil%20Voice/pupil\\_voice.html](http://www.hunsdon.herts.sch.uk/Pupil%20Voice/pupil_voice.html)

**HARVEST ASSEMBLY – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9:10am** – This year our Harvest Assembly is supporting 'The Trussel Trust' local Foodbank in Harlow. In a world dominated by international crises it's easy to forget the crisis occurring on our doorstep and it's so easy to help! Please could you send any tinned or dried food that you can spare in with your child on the morning of the Harvest Assembly and we'll deliver it to the Foodbank. For more details about the types of food they so desperately need please see their website: <http://mrct.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,



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