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## October Newsletter

### **Congratulations to our sporting teams**

- Year 5 and 6 football team won the regional heats last week and now move onto the county heats – we wish them every success.
- Year 1 and 2 who have done very well in the multi-sports tournament at Caistor Grammar today.

### **Governing Body Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body. Governors volunteer their time to support the Headteacher in providing Leadership and Management for the School. Our Governors are a committed group who bring their varied and personal skills to the role. If you would like to be considered for this vacancy or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the School Office to collect a brief Skills Audit. We are particularly interested to hear from anyone who is active in our local community, has links with local businesses and a good knowledge of the local and regional economy.

### **Music Provision**

We have recently become a gold member of the Lincolnshire County Council's Music for Schools project. In the short term, this will allow us to expand our support for music in school and from January we will move to offering in-class music lessons for at least two classes involving instruments (like the guitars and drumming we have done previously).

### **Parents' Assembly**

Next Friday (21<sup>st</sup> October), we will have our half termly parents' assembly starting at 0910. All families and friends are invited to attend as we celebrate the achievements of our pupils this half term.

### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to everybody who came and supported the school and children and many thanks to the Methodist Chapel for the tea, coffee and juice afterwards. We are very grateful for the donations – these will be going to a local food bank.

### **PFA Halloween disco**

The Halloween takes place from 1800 to 2000 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. All primary age children welcome – entry £3, fancy dress is optional.

## **PFA Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 1800 at school – please do come along and learn what the PFA is doing and how you could help. They are looking for a new chairperson and treasurer – is this something you could do?

## **Gulu Mission Visit**

We were all very humbled by the visit this week and several of the children have been asking if we can help support the school in Uganda. We will be organising some charity fundraising for them alongside our pen pals project and we are discussing with staff and governors how we can expand the partnership in coming years.

## **Key dates for next half term**

- School closes for half term at 1530 on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.
- Please remember British Summer Time ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- School reopens for children on the Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 0900 (Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> October is a staff training day).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Ultimate Dodge Ball for British Heart Foundation (KS2 only) – letters and sponsorship forms already out.
- 14<sup>th</sup> November is our 12 hour dance for Children In Need – letters and sponsorship forms already out. Don't forget we are dressing in spots this year (optional)!
- **PARENTS' EVENINGS: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November – letters will be going out week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November to make a booking.**
- Nativity play (Reception and pre-school, plus year 1 supporting with songs) – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1400 and 1730.
- Christmas Carol Service – All Hallows church, North Kelsey: Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1430 (apologies for a mix up with dates – this is the correct date, venue and time).
- School closes for Christmas on the Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1530 and re-opens for children on the Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
- The PFA will also be holding their Christmas Fayre (date to be confirmed soon).

As always if you have any questions, queries, complaints or compliments, please pop in and see me. I am nearly always on the playgrounds at the start and end of the day or just ring the front door bell.

*M. J. Smedley*

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