

Dear Parents/Carers

I often wondered why there was a steep step and slope running along the back of the School behind the old staff room. It was only when showing the builder an old photograph of the School that I realised it was the edge of the School's first swimming pool. There have been so many changes here over the years – a change in the internal layout and changes in staff even in my short time – so I have taken a trip down memory lane and picked out some events from the School log book in Octobers' past.

90 years ago – on the 9<sup>th</sup> – the School received notification of the Diocesan exams that were to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> October. On the same day they recorded that overall attendance had improved and been maintained.

80 years ago School was closed for the annual ploughing match (a regular occurrence through the years) and reference is also made to School closure for blackberry picking!

70 years ago, the School classes were re-organised. This was due to the arrival of 115 evacuees from the Dorothy Barley School, Dagenham. In the same month, the School health visitor arrived to examine the heads of the local children and half term was cancelled due to the time lost sorting out the evacuees.

35 years ago, Health and Safety were deeply unhappy about the storage of pool chemicals and insisted they were locked away and kept separate from each other.

20 years ago today Alan Reid from County Hall visited the School to inform us that we would be receiving three new classrooms and a new admin block in the next 18 months to two years (opened in April 1990).

So much has changed and yet so much stays the same – Diocesan Inspections (SIAS), Health and Safety, new building works, class re-organisation (though for less dramatic reasons thank goodness!) and a focus on the attendance register.

Some things have changed for the better – no longer are children absent because of ringworm, whooping cough, measles and german measles and some for the worst – what a shame that we can no longer spend the morning blackberry picking then wander up the fields to watch the ploughing match!

Back to the present – the pre-visit evening for Barton Hall was very well attended. The facilities there look both enjoyable and challenging. Could all parents involved with this trip return the appropriate forms to the office. Thank you to Mrs Simpson, Mr Hicks and Mr Chorley who have volunteered to accompany us on this visit.

And finally, yet more congratulations to the valiant fun runners - Henry (1<sup>st</sup>), Isabelle (1<sup>st</sup>), Daisy (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jessica, Samantha, Mia, Maddy, Elyssia, Archie, Finbar and Kara. Also, I should like to say a very big thank you to Skye, Ethan, Callum, Emma and Ben for their help in the organisation (following their 'playleader' training) and to Hannah for being 'the hare'!

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

## **Class Cups**

**Red Class:** Finbar for a fantastic holiday book and lots of excellent writing

**Orange Class:** George for being kind to others in the class and for being a good friend

**Yellow Class:** Owen for his enthusiasm and determination during Big Write. He said "I'm not going to stop until I get to the bottom of the page!"

**Green Class:** Daniella for excellent handwriting

**Blue Class:** Madeleine for putting effort into her work, attitude, behaviour and friendships to be a role model for other children

**Indigo Class:** Emma for an excellent poem written in Big Writing

**Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards:** Congratulations to Bailey and Owen P from Mrs Moore for their good behaviour.

Congratulations to Levi who has won the half term music prize from Music for Schools for musical achievement and effort! Well done!

## **OTHER SPORTS RESULTS/NEWS:**

Netball won the Tournament at Hambridge on goal difference (won 2, drew 1). Football had 1 win and 2 losses. Very close though!

***EFSA TOURNAMENT TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 1.30PM HUISH EPISCOPI Permissions back by Monday 12 October please!***

**Please bring Barton Hall medical and permission forms back early next week! Thank you.**

## **Dates for your Diary**

Thursday 15 October	Harvest Service 2.15pm St Andrew's Church
Friday 16 October	PTA Spooky Disco 6.30pm KS1&Pre School 7.45pm KS2
Wednesday 21 October to Friday 23 October	Barton Hall visit
Friday 23 October	Start of Half Term
Wednesday 4 November	Pupils return to School after half term
Wednesday 4 November	Late Parents Evening to 7.00pm
Thursday 5 & Friday 6 November	Early finish Parents Evenings to 5.30pm
Tuesday 10 November	Individual Pupil Portraits + siblings
Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance Service

### **REMINDER!!**

**PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL BECOMING DANGEROUS AGAIN: PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW LINES. BE VIGILANT WITH CHILDREN OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES**