

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy week this week preparing for Harvest Service (yesterday) and our 'book sponsor' morning today. It was lovely to see so many of you in church yesterday. Thank you for all your gifts which are going to be taken to The Taunton Association for the Homeless. Well done Year 3 for leading it and also well done to Red Class – for many of them their first 'School outing'.

This morning we opened our doors to members of the village community who do not normally have much contact with us. Through Alan at the Post Office, quite a number of people have expressed a desire to help the School in some way and last year we held our first book sponsorship coffee morning. Because of the floods, we have been unable to arrange another one until now and today was the day! We have been able to find sponsorship for nearly 40 books, all of which will be in the classrooms by next week. We can now, also, order more books to supplement our reading schemes (particularly in Lower School) and increase our stock of good story books further up the School plus extend the library range. I would like to express by heartfelt thanks to Alan for originally thinking of the idea, to the village for their support and to the School Office for sorting it all out!

We have had an outing by two sports teams this week at the EFSA tournament at Huish. The girls team came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the mixed team were not so lucky, but thank you all for representing the School with your usual enthusiasm.

We have also been able to arrange for Nathan Geary to come in after half term and start up a football club for Years 3 and 4 and a Multiskills Club for KS1 possibly on Mondays and Tuesday evenings 3.30pm to 4.15pm. I shall send out a letter next week with further details and an introduction to Nathan and the sort of skills he offers.

And finally, I hope that one of you have had the opportunity to witness the crashed alien space craft in the library area – Upper School have been focussing on 'Space – the Final Frontier' (that dates me) this term. It has been good fun watching the guided reading sessions and phonic group work that has been taking place within the 'space ship'. Thank you to Miss Jones, in particular, for setting it up and to all the children for their art work which brings it to life!

Have a good weekend

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

**PTA Disco  
tonight!**

## **Class Cups**

**Red Class:** Daisy for bringing in her pumpkin and telling us all about it!

**Orange Class:** Jonathon for being so mature, for having a delightful attitude to his work and for being an excellent role model, especially to the younger children in the class

**Yellow Class:** Jessica for being so fantastic during the preparations for the Harvest Festival

**Green Class:** Alice for working very hard in numeracy

**Blue Class:** Jack for showing excellent sportsmanship and hockey skills

**Indigo Class:** Lucy for her efforts in representing the School in football and her efforts in putting her hand up in class discussions

**Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards:** Congratulations to Emma and Zak from Mrs Moore for their good behaviour.

## **Helping Hands**

Ben CL, Owen P, James and Keiran A for helping Mrs Moore and Midday Supervisors to clear up the hall after lunch very quickly and without being asked.

Tyler for holding the door open for Mrs Horsey. Jack W for helping Gabriel when his bag exploded!

## **Letters etc sent out this week:**

Harvest Note

Primary Times

Booktime books for Reception Class

## **Junior TAIKO DRUMMING**

Mondays 4.00 -5.00 pm. Taster Session Monday 9 November  
**Community TAIKO DRUMMING group** Mondays 7.00 - 9.00pm  
Taster Session Monday 9 November  
BOTH at Huish Episcopi Secondary School

Booktrust [www.booktime.org.uk](http://www.booktime.org.uk) courtesy of DCSF, Pearson and Reading for Life. See website for more details.

Every reception age child in England will receive today a blue book bag consisting of:

- *Mr Big* by Ed Vere (Puffin)
- *The Booktime Book of Fantastic First Poems* edited by June Crebbin (Puffin)
- Booktime Top Tips poster
- Memo for parents and carers

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

**EFSA FOOTBALL:** Girls Team were 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mixed Team 6<sup>th</sup>!

**There will be no Gardening Club, Netball or Football Clubs next week because of the Barton Hall visit by Years 4, 5 and 6.**

## **Dates for your Diary**

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 finish 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