



**12th October 2018**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated food and toiletries for our food-bank collection this year. It was lovely to see so many of you at our church service yesterday.

**Governor Update**

I'd like to welcome our new Parent Governor, Lorna Christoforou-Hazelwood, new Staff Governor, Sharon Creasey and our new Bishop's Appointed Governor Rev Lydia Avery onto the school's Board of Governors. We hope they will enjoy their time in office here.

I'd also like to extend the school's thanks to Gary Taylor, Lucy Ashby Otun and May Prior who have all recently stepped down from the Governing Board. Their help and hard work has been greatly appreciated.

**Partnership Update**

Feedback from the children of both schools about our Partnership launch day has been overwhelmingly positive and many are asking me when they can get together again! It was lovely to see the children mixing so well and playing together at morning and lunch breaks. There was a great atmosphere all day and the Indian Bollywood dancing, Indian singing and music and the food tasting activities were some of the firm favourites. I was very proud of all the children, behaviour was exemplary!

Yesterday, teachers from both schools got together at Carleton Rode for a joint staff meeting where we looked at writing in detail. Teachers all brought along samples of children's writing and we spent time discussing standards and moderating our judgements. The children across both schools had written a recount of their Partnership India Day so we could fairly compare and contrast. We will be doing a similar exercise in the January on a non-fiction theme.

**Worldwide Links Display**

We understand from many children that they have relatives and friends around the world. Several have already brought a photo for our hall display but we still need more. Please would you send in a photo and short explanation of who the person is and where they live? If you haven't got a printer, please email to [office@forncett.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@forncett.norfolk.sch.uk) and we will print it for you. Alternatively, children can simply draw a picture of their link person/people.

**FOFS**

The few remaining Friends of Forncett seriously need your help. They do so much for school to fundraise and it makes a big difference. However, there are now only a very few left who come to meetings and plan and run events. Understandably, several have had to step down because they have done it for a long time and now have other commitments. I am a FOF and attend meetings and I can see FOFS grinding to a halt and having to be disbanded if we don't get more people coming forward who are prepared to attend meetings and help with events. It feels unfair to expect the

dedicated remaining few to do absolutely everything. If you think you can help us or join us, please come along to our AGM on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.**

### **Flu Vaccine**

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter which was sent to all Headteachers recently explaining the facts, figures and research behind the flu vaccine and its safety and efficacy. We would encourage you all to allow your child to have the vaccine in school this season as research shows this is dramatically reducing flu and flu-related hospital admissions for children. If your child is eligible for a vaccine, you will receive a letter. There are absolutely no needles involved and it is a very simple, gentle and speedy process.

### **Headlice – Bug-Busting Weekend!**

We have received reports of headlice in school as we do from time to time. Please check your children's heads, yourselves and the rest of your family too and 'bug-bust' accordingly.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair. It was a great success and we have raised £126.00 for the school to buy books with.

Thank you also to Rachael Burrows, our amazing secretary and finance officer who does so much over and above her job role for the school such as all the catering for our Continental Breakfast, running the book fairs and baking lots for the cake sale.

**Reminder** – We break for half-term early this year, so there's **no school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> or Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October!** School re-opens on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** when Sapphire Class have their day visit to Time & Tide Museum.

### **DIARY DATES**

#### **October**

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent/carer consultations

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> – Parent/carer consultations    **BREAK UP for HALF TERM**

**Half-term week is Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – school re-opens

November

Week beginning Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – National Anti-Bullying Week

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need

#### **December**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Infants Nativity dress rehearsal

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> & Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Infant Nativity performances – details nearer the time

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Service **9.15am** in St. Peter's Church & break up for Christmas Holidays at 3.15pm

#### **January**

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> – School re-opens for new spring term

