



Newsletter No. 3 - Autumn Term 2013

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

### **News Update**

The Autumn Term is now well under way and I am delighted with how happy and settled the children are with their new teachers. It was a pleasure to meet you all at the parents' meetings.

### **Dates for your Diary**

*Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes* - "Make a difference to the life of a child in need by taking part in the world's largest Christmas shoebox appeal". Information leaflets will be sent out on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. This will enable families who wish to take part in this appeal, to put a shoebox together in time for the collection period between 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Bags2School**

Collection bags will be sent home with the children on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Bags2School will collect on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 a.m. This company specialises in **good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used**. They collect the following items: Adults' and Children's clothing, Bedding, Soft Toys, Paired Shoes, Hats, Belts and Handbags (no bric-a-brac please). All bags are weighed and the school receives payment by the total weight collected. Your support would be appreciated, thank you.

### **Michaelmas Fair -Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

As Saturday approaches, we very much look forward to a highly successful event. Please come along with your family to support the hard working efforts of the PTA. The parental contributions have been most generous. Thank you so much for your very positive response.

### **Parent Governor**

We have two nominations for parent governor and I will be sending out ballot papers and personal statements for you to consider and decide who you would like to be the parent representative on our Governing Body.

### **School Closures**

It has been an ongoing tradition that school closes at 2.00 p.m. at the end of a full term. However, I am aware of the pressures this arrangement creates for working parents and in respect of this, school will, in future, close at 3.30 p.m. at the end of term.

### **Parent View**

If you have not already taken the opportunity to give feedback on school through Parent View, on our web-site, I would appreciate your time and consideration to do this. Ofsted use this facility as a measure of parent satisfaction and I know the majority of you are as proud as we are of our School. This is the place to record it!

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