

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Harvest Festival this week. It was great to be back in the church together. The children had learnt their words and sang beautifully under the capable guidance of Ms Whitehouse. Thank you to my Year 6 leaders; Charlie, Harry, Oliver, Lucas, Jack and James for leading the service and organising the Harvest produce. Thank you for all of your kind donations. They will be taken to the local food bank this week to support families in the area who are suffering with financial difficulties. This is a small way for us to say thank you for the help that we have received for some of our families.

We continue to grow in numbers in the nursery and now have a waiting list! It is amazing how our small setting has grown and developed over the last few years. It seems only five minutes ago that I had the idea to build a nursery and extend our age range from 2 years and now here we are enjoying sharing our time in school with the younger children. The environment that has been created provides space, both in and outdoors, for the children to play in and unlike many settings the children have the choice of where to play. Being outdoors is not a planned activity during the day, it is there for the children to play in all day long, whatever the weather, and vice versa with the indoor space. Melanie is growing a strong and loyal team and it is exciting to see where the next year will take us. Over the last few weeks we have welcomed George Rowe, Holly Pembarth, Sienna Bosso and Evelyn Hayden and their families to the school.

This week we have welcomed Miss Wyness as a Teaching Assistant/Key Worker for the Early Years team. Miss Wyness works predominantly in the Reception classroom in the morning and then in the Nursery and After School Club in the afternoon. She is a former pupil of the school and we are really happy to welcome her back to school in this new capacity, even if it does make me feel old!

New dates for your diaries –

- New Reception parents welcome afternoon – Friday 22nd October (an opportunity to meet the Buddies!!)
- Parents evenings will take place on Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th November. Please look out for slips in book bags. Nursery times may vary.

Have a good weekend
Mrs Clough

A Message from the Friends of the School (FSS):

The Friends are revving up their events calendar over the coming months. In order to make these much-loved events happen we really are going to need some help, there simply aren't enough bodies on the committee to pull it all off on our own. So please do put your hand up to help when we come calling!!

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION. On **Thursday 21st October** is Movie Night at Syresham School, always a hit with the children this year's choice of film will be LUCA. We are all really excited to have a whole school event after such a long time and it was a popular campaign pledge in the recent school council elections.

Flyers are going out in book bags today... but please do pop the date in the diary!

Bonfire and Fireworks

The Towcester Young Farmers are hosting their charity bonfire and fireworks party **on Monday 8th November** in aid of Syresham School at Kiln Farm by kind permission of The Turnham Family. Gates will open at 5.30pm and fireworks at 6.30pm (approximately!)

Smarties Challenge

A Big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Smarties Challenge and to the children for all their good deeds! We raised a very respectable £305.57p which will go towards the purchase of a new playground shelter.

AGM

Last but not least The FOSS AGM is taking place on **Tuesday 19th October** at 7.30pm in the school hall. There will be drinks and nibbles!

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS:

Nursery: William
Reception: Leyla
Year 1&2: Grace
Year 3&4: Ruby & Abrielle
Year 5&6: Grace
Values Award for Courage: Louie



Birthdays this coming week: