

## October Newsletter

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#### HARVEST SERVICE



On Friday 20th October we went to St Lucia's Church for our Harvest Service. We were joined by parents and carers as we sang songs, heard readings and saw a performance by our Drama Club to celebrate the harvest. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the donations, which will be split between a collection at St Lucia's Church and Shrewsbury foodbank. Thank you to Reverend Olivia and to all who joined us.



## **SAFER SCHOOLS**

We recently held our annual Safer Schools meeting. Current and former School Council members attended the meeting with Ian Bartlett from Shropshire Council, along with Miss Coleman and representation from Governors and Parents. Such a positive meeting on security and safety. From the parent/carer and pupil surveys, there were many lovely comments. Thank you for your feedback. We are pleased to have gained our Safer Schools award!



#### EYFS TRACTOR VISIT



EYFS had the pleasure of a visiting tractor this month. As part of their topic 'Autumn and Harvest' they were able to see the tractor up close and ask all the questions they desired! Children enjoyed sitting in the tractor and talking to farmer Ben! A huge thank you to Ben Dixon from Home Farm for such an exciting visit!



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#### **BULB PLANTING**



The children were invited to St Lucia's church to take part in planting Spring bulbs around the church yard and in the memory garden. They were encouraged to plant one for someone they love and one for someone they wanted to remember. A big thank you to Mrs Sue Woods who kindly made this possible and our Governors who helped us with the planting! We look forward to going back to see the bulbs in bloom.

#### **FAMILY LUNCH**



Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who were able to join with their children for lunch over the past three weeks. It has been lovely to see you all and for you to share lunchtime with us. Special thanks also go to our wonderful kitchen team for cooking such delicious meals.

#### A PEEK INTO ST LUCIA'S...



As a school we are working on creating a brand new mural to go on the front of our building. The shape and design has been inspired by the stained glass window in St Lucia's Church. We explored how each window tells a story and children were encouraged to 'tell our story' through their mural design, bringing our school vision to life and representing what it is like to be a member of our school community. Whilst at the church the children observed the windows and made drawings and designs for their part in the mural, thinking carefully about what you would see if you took 'a peek inside' our school and how we could share a different glimpse of our school within each pane of glass in the window.





#### **NEW THEMED CLUBS**

We are delighted that our varied themes have been so popular and are working hard to offer a broad, interesting selection of opportunities for the children. After half term we are pleased to be offering the following clubs:



Monday - Archery Club with the Bowbrook Archers! We are really excited to be able to offer this opportunity for half a term. Ideally children need to aim to attend all sessions.

Tuesday - Eastern Fusion Dance after school club, with Emm who has been teaching Yoga! Suitable for all children, this fun and exciting new club brings dance games, creative sequences and learning full dances which blend together both Eastern and Western style of dance.



Wednesday - Christmas Choir club with Rev. Olivia - come along and join our school choir, have fun learning a selection of our Christmas songs ready for some Christmas performances which we are excited to be practising for! Dates of performances/events to follow!



Thursday - Festive Craft club. An opportunity to make and create - from cards and decorations to a window display for the church, get creative and feel festive!



Friday - The ever-popular multi-sports with Mr McPhail continues, with even more exciting sports and games - the perfect way to end a week!



Spaces are limited. Please aim to book before the end of the previous week where possible. All clubs can be booked via School Money.

## YEAR 5/6 SPORTS



Pupils in year 5 and 6 have taken part in a football tournament and a cross country event this month. It has been fantastic to see them enjoying a range of sports competition opportunities! Well done to all of our pupils who took part and thank you for representing us so well at both events.

#### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

This year we are pleased to have been invited to take part in the Remembrance Sunday service, on Sunday 12th November at St Lucia's Church. Any pupils wishing to take part should let Miss Coleman know. Children will be invited to work with Rev. Olivia to write their own prayers to share, they will sit together with Miss Coleman during the service.

All families are invited to join us at the service. We will meet at Church at 10.40am for a prompt start at 10.50 please.





## Hear from Chat with

A chance for families of children with disabilities or special additional needs to meet services from education, health and social care. Plus Shropshire Parent and Carer Council.

Various dates & locations.

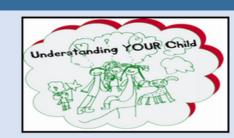


# UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUP STARTING WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2024 - 1-3PM

In the Spring Term we will be running an Understanding Your Child course, supported by the Parenting Team from Shropshire. It will be a 10 week course, focussed around Child Development and supporting your child.

# PLEASE SPEAK TO MISS COLEMAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?



#### DROP OFF / PICK UP

Thank you for the support with the traffic flow in the morning. A polite reminder that we would ask you do not park on, or directly opposite, the zig zag yellow lines. Our 'drop and go' system is helping to reduce congestion and we really appreciate your support, parking and walking to school. The village hall car park is available for parking at the start and end of the school day.





#### **Upcoming Diary Dates**

W/C 30th October 2023 - Half Term

Wednesday 8th November - Class 3 Trip to Secret Hills Discovery Centre and Class 4 Trip to Craven Arms Mosque

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Service at St Lucia's Church Tuesday 14th November - Christmas Card order deadline

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November - Parents Evening

Tuesday 28th November - KS1 Trip

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas Fayre (afternoon)

Thursday 14th December - School Christmas Service

Friday 15th December - Class Christmas Party afternoon

Monday 18th December - Christingle at Church (service after school)

Tuesday 19th December - final day of Autumn Term 
Break up for Christmas Holiday.

## **CLOTHES COLLECTION**

Thank you ever so much to everyone who donated clothes. A massive £140 was raised for the Friends. On behalf of the Friends, we'd like to thank you for your support. What an amazing total raised to support our school!



## SPOOKTACULAR DISCO

THANK YOU TO FRIENDS WHO ORGANISED A FANTASTIC 'SPOOKTACULAR' DISCO. A LOVELY WAY FOR THE CHILDREN TO ENJOY CELEBRATING A BUSY HALF TERM!

