



Newsletter

October 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

The children have made such a great start to term. They have settled in and are coping well with all their new routines; and all with big smiles on their face. Autumn is now well and truly here; please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat for playtimes and sensible footwear to keep their feet warm and dry. You will get an opportunity this month to meet with your child's teacher but if you have any further concerns, please call into school to discuss them with me.



Harvest

We will hold our Harvest Festival at the Church on **Friday 19th October at 9.30am**. We will then donate our gifts to the Trussell Trust food banks for the needy; they will gratefully receive donations of long life milk, tinned rice pudding, tea bags(40s), tinned fish, chopped tomatoes, tinned fruit or dried , packet foods. The Church will be open from 9am serving hot drinks until the children arrive.

Healthy eating

A few years ago, Burton Pidsea Primary School was awarded the Healthy Schools award. As a school we still promote its main aims including increased amount of opportunities that children and young people have to be physically active in and out of schools and increased school meal uptake including free school meals. However, the final aim - **improved children's access to healthy packed lunches and snacks throughout the school day** – is currently an area of great concern to me as I see more and more children snacking on chocolate bars and having multiple bags of crisps for lunch. The children work hard in the afternoons and need a healthy lunch to sustain them. It is important we get our children into healthy eating habits now whilst they are growing.

Could you please encourage your child to make a healthy choice for a snack, such as fruit (fresh or dried), vegetable sticks or cheese and then carry these choices over to lunch time pack ups. We will be doing lots of work around this in school: I would appreciate your help in this matter.



The value of the month is:

PATIENCE





Our Governors

Mr Simon Richardson's term of office as a school governor ended in July and as such we have an opening on our governing body – this is a great opportunity for you to become involved with the running of the school and have your say in the direction we go. Please contact the office for further details

School photographer

The school photographer will be in school on **Friday 12th October**. As a matter of course, we will take photographs of individual children and groups of siblings. However, if you wish to include younger siblings (who are not yet in school) in a family group photograph, please let the office know and they will arrange a suitable time for you to come in before school starts.



School Dinners



Our school lunches are proving to be a great success with the children. **Please remember, we also offer a vegetarian alternative if your child would prefer that option.** All KS1 children are entitled to a hot dinner for free and the charge for school dinners remains at £2.30 for KS2 children. If you think you are entitled to claim for free school meals, please contact the office. If you would like to stay for a school dinner along with your child, please request an adult meal at the school office before 9.15am.

We are always in need of a bank of midday supervisors we can call on to help over lunchtime. If you are interested in working in the school for a few hours a week, please call in at the office for further details.



Halloween Disco

FOBPSA have kindly organised a Halloween Disco for the children on Wednesday 24th October. Tickets are £2 and will include a hot dog, drink and a bag of spooky sweets. These can be bought from the school office.

Please note: THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB THIS WEEK

FS1, FS2, Year 1 & Year 2 children: 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 children: 5.30 – 6.30pm

Dates for your diary

1 st & 2 nd October	Bikeability training for Y5 children (group 2)
Thursday 11 th October	NSPCC 'Speak out Stay safe' assembly
Friday 12 th October	School Photographs
Friday 19 th October	Harvest Festival 9.30am (coffee served from 9.00am in the church)
Wednesday 24 th October	Halloween Disco - <u>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB THIS WEEK</u>
Thursday 25 th October	Parent's Evening 3.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday 26 th October	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 5 th November	SCHOOL REOPENS.

Many thanks

Ms S Ward
Headteacher

