

**Ursula Taylor  
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School**

**SEPTEMBER VALUE  
'QUALITY'**

**Mahatma Gandhi**

It is the quality of our work which will  
please God and not the quantity.

**Newsletter 12th September 2014**



## Welcome Back!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school after what I hope has been a super summer. I would also like to welcome our new children and parents and also some new staff members!

The first week back has been wonderful, the children have settled back into school life very quickly and are fast becoming immersed in their topics and school work.

We will be holding our traditional Golden Assemblies at 3pm on Friday again this year. Parents and Family members, are as always welcome to attend.

## Harvest Festival 2014

This year our Harvest Festival will be on the  
**Wednesday 1st October 2014.**

Due to the number of children we have now, we have decided to split the services.

9:15 am Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2

10 am Year 3 and Year 4.

If you have children taking part in different services, you are welcome to attend both should you wish to do so.

This year we are supporting the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest appeal. This appeal is to raise money for women and children in Egypt to be able to access education, in particular Literacy skills.

We will be collecting 10 pence pieces which we will use to create a huge book shape on the hall floor. The 10 pence pieces will then be bagged up and donated to the Bishop's appeal. Please send in as many 10p pieces as you can and help us support children and families in Egypt.

## Mr Beacon's 'Build It' Club

Mr Beacon in his role as 'Pupil Premium Champion' has started his successful and popular 'Build It' club. This will be running every afternoon from 1:30 - 3:15 and the children will be creating all sorts of things, from bird boxes to fruit pickers to our new 'Spiritual Garden' to furniture! The practical sessions are ideal for children to be able to develop practical skills and also develop those all important speaking and listening skills. The building sessions will be followed up by written work, usually ICT based, which support the development of the children's Literacy skills.

If you hear from your child that they have been going out for these sessions, please ask them all about it! The children are buzzing with excitement and eager to get their hands on drills, saws and hammers!

We have timetabled the sessions very carefully to ensure the children don't miss the same lesson in their class repeatedly. If you have any questions about the project, please ask Mr Beacon or Mrs Morrall - we would be very happy to explain more!

Miss Dennison is hoping to increase the amount of opportunities for children to experience a wide variety of ICT skills.

These skills include using things like: Remote Controlled Toys, Walkie Talkies, Dance Mats and possibly a Karaoke Machine (!)

If you have any of these at home which are no longer used or wanted please can you consider donating them to school for the children to use.

Thank you very much

## Scooters, bikes and the tyres.



We are very fortunate to have a new scooter rack, kindly installed by Mr Ruff over the Summer Holidays and donated by the PTFA. Please can you make sure that bikes go in the bike shed and scooters go in the scooter rack. The bikes take up too much room in the scooter rack!

There was also an unfortunate accident on the playground after school on Thursday featuring a scooter. Please, please remind your children NOT to ride their scooters and bikes in the playground or on the drive. There are many children around at the end of the school day and it is far too easy for accidents to happen.

Also, we ask that you DO NOT allow your children to play on the tyres before or after school. We noticed a lot of children on them at the end of the Summer Term - many of them preschool age and we are concerned that there will be an accident.

Please help us by following our requests and keeping your children safe. Thank you

### Congratulations!



Well done to last Year's Foundation Stage! Mrs Grove and her team of gardeners achieved a marvellous second place in the Frost's garden Competition! They managed this with the help of the Badgers, just think what they could achieve once the badgers have been moved!

### For your information:

There is an electric fence around the perimeter of the old Badger Sett. It is safe for humans and will be removed in the near future when the contractors return to complete the project.

Thank you for your support



Here are some useful dates for your diary:

29th September School Photographs (Info to follow)

1st October Harvest Festival (9:15am F Stage and KS1, 10 am KS2)

8th October Book Fair AND Bedtime Story (Info to follow)

w/b 20th October Parent Consultations (Info to follow)

27th October - 2nd November HALF TERM **Back to school 3rd November**

11th November Year 4 Trip

12th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

### CHRISTMAS PLAY DATES

11th Dec. Year 1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal (Toddlers to attend this one please)

12th Dec. Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal (Toddlers to attend this one please)

15th Dec. 9:15am Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal (Preschool and Toddlers to attend this one please)

15th Dec. **2pm** Year 1 and 2 Performance Number 1. **6pm** Year 1 and 2 Performance Number 2

16th Dec. 9:15 Foundation Stage Performance

16th Dec. 2pm School Pantomime (Info to follow)

17th Dec. **2pm** Year 3 and 4 Performance 1. **6pm** Year 3 and 4 Performance 2.

18th Dec. 2pm Grandparent's Concert

19th Dec. 2pm Candlelight Service (Staff, Governors and Children only) **END OF TERM!**