

Newsletter



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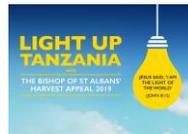
20th September, 2019

Assembly Themes: Next week: Harvest & Thankfulness Week after: Commitment

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic fortnight! The new Nursery children have settled really well, our Reception children are getting to grips with school lunches, School council have already met and shared lots of ideas with us (sadly, we won't be digging a swimming pool on the field this week) and the Year 6 children are providing excellent leadership in the school. We have even been lucky with lots of sunshine for playing outside and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new climbing frame!

There are some things to look out for, and some to look forward for – We hope to see you at the forthcoming PTFA events.



Harvest Festival

We look forward to meeting you at St. Giles, on Friday 27th September at 9. a.m. Nursery children will be staying at school as they are still settling into the routines. They can be dropped here at any time from 9 – 9.30 a.m. to give people time to get from church to school.

To reduce the amount of carrying, the children will **not** need to bring a school bag – any spellings, reading diaries homework etc will be checked on Thursday or the following Monday. We will also provide water at school, using re-usable cups, so they will not need a water bottle either, unless there is a particular reason for monitoring their fluid intake.

We will be collecting for the Bishop's Appeal to 'Light up Tanzania' as mentioned in the last newsletter. We will be sending home envelopes for the children to decorate – if you able to spare any change to put in these for the appeal, it will be much appreciated but we would like the children to bring the envelopes regardless. We will walk back to school in time for a late breaktime.



Teaching and Learning

Today, your child will be bringing home some information about the things they are learning at school and how you can support them. These include:

- The Curriculum Design – this shows all the different aspects which make up learning for your child at Codicote School and how everything fits together. I will post this on the website as an electronic copy too.
- Curriculum Maps – these show the topics your child will be covering in each area of the curriculum over the years
- Year guides – These include details about the Maths, Reading and Writing the children will be learning about, and tips and ideas for helping at home.

There will be a Literacy information evening for Reception Parents on Thursday 10th October, at 7p.m. led by Mrs Pyle, Mrs Ogle and me. Nursery parents and Year 1 parents who missed the evening last year are welcome to join us too.

If there is any more information you would find helpful, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Naming Uniform

Thank you very much for naming your children's uniform – it makes it much easier to send the children home in the clothes they arrived in after PE! A number of children seem to have the same style of school shoes, so naming these - if you haven't yet done so- will help the children to put on two of the same sized shoes and avoid two left feet (as has happened!).



PTFA

We have had another outstanding year for the PTFA – their hard work, and your support has raised £14,000 over the year. This means we have been able to fund the new climbing frame as well as the pantomime coaches, the Romany Caravan, Joey the Jeep and extras for classes. It is always surprising how much things cost – several quotes are required to ensure prices are best value. The coaches for the pantomime cost £2,000 for example – this contribution considerably reduces the cost of the trip for families. Due to the quality and durability needed, items for schools are expensive. For example, the Jeep and Caravan cost £7,000 together, but are expected to last daily use, by hundreds of children, for a number of years to come.

The School Council are currently identifying projects they would like the PTFA to support, with their classes. We have planned several events, and as ever, would love your feedback regarding events you would like us to run. Please contact the PTFA members or come along to our next meeting, on Thursday 7th November, at 7.30 – in the staffroom.

The dates planned so far are:

Date	Event	Details	Help needed
23.10.19 & 24.10.19	Parent Teacher Refreshments	Serving drinks and refreshments at Parent Consultation Evenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up • Serving refreshments • Tidying up
T.B.C.	Children's Film Night	Three age appropriate films to choose from for children who attend the school with a refreshment break.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up the classrooms • Setting out refreshments • Serving refreshments • Tidying up
28.11.19	Christmas Shopping Evening	Stalls with a range of gifts on sale for purchase for Christmas presents. Opportunity to meet Father Christmas Refreshments available including mulled wine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting out the tables. • Staffing the PTFA stall. • Serving refreshments. • Tidying up.

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19.12.19	School Disco	Disco for children who attend the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling refreshments and glow sticks • Supervising the children in the hall. • Tidying up.
17.1.20	Big Breakfast	Bacon rolls, croissants and hot drinks on sale before school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up. • Cooking and serving food. • Making drinks. • Collecting money. • Tidying up.
8.2.20	Bingo!	Family Bingo! Come along with your dabber and have fun with your children!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting the hall up. • Cooking and serving refreshments. • Running the bar. • Tidying up.
Either 1.4.20 or 2.4.20 - TBC	School Disco	Disco for children who attend the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling refreshments and glow sticks • Supervising the children in the hall. • Tidying up.
16.5.20	May Day Madness	A family fun day with giant inflatables, activities and stalls aimed at Nursery and Primary aged children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up • Organising and running stalls • Selling raffle tickets. • Tidying up.
4.6.20	Big Breakfast and sponsored walk	Bacon rolls, croissants and hot drinks on sale before school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up. • Cooking and serving food. • Making drinks. • Collecting money. • Tidying up.
27.6.20	Summer Do!	A family barbecue with live music and games for children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up • Cooking the barbecue food. • Running the bar (in shifts) • Tidying up.
18.7.20	Village Day	The PTFA run the tea tent and have a 'jars' stall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transporting tables and chairs • Setting up the tea tent • Providing cakes • Making drinks • Selling refreshments • Tidying up • Manning the stall/tea tent
17.10.20	Family Quiz Night	A quiz with questions and activities aimed at all ages. Families make up a team beforehand or come along and join up on the night.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting the hall up. • Cooking and serving refreshments. • Running the bar. • Tidying up.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER