St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the incredible support at our Harvest Festival following its postponement from last week. The children did a fantastic job sharing their songs, readings and contributions with such a large audience. There were understandably a few nerves, but everyone did brilliantly, and we are very proud of them all. A huge thank you to Friends of School (FoS) for providing refreshments afterwards and adding to the occasion.

Friends of School also held their first meeting of the year (following their AGM) on Thursday evening, which was very well attended. Our new committee is full of enthusiasm and excited to lead a range of fundraising events throughout the year. Keep an eye out for updates about the Tractor Trundle, planned for 6th December. This was a spectacular event last December and, building on that success, I am sure it will be just as enjoyable this year. Thank you to everyone who supports FoS and helps to make such wonderful opportunities possible for our school community.

I am sure that you will have noticed the large number of bikes lined up in our bike shed and along our playground this week. A huge thank you to Nicky, our Bikeabilty Instructor, for leading the children safely through the village as they develop these important life skills. Bikeability helps the children to build confidence on their bikes, develop greater awareness of road safety and prepare for the independence that cycling can bring in the future.





One of the real joys of having been at the school for a number of years is seeing former pupils who successfully completed Bikeability, have since passed their tractor and driving tests and are now keen to return to take part in our Tractor Trundle after seeing it last year! It is wonderful to see these connections continue to grow as our pupils move on. We really are incredibly lucky to be part of such a fabulous community.

Have a great weekend,

Donna Butler

Head of School

Dates for the diary:

Inset Day – Friday 23rd October. School is closed on this day and we welcome children back on **Monday 2nd November** (after half term).

Our Core Value this half term is:
Friendship

Autumn 1 Clubs –

Monday – Singing Club (Y1-6) Mrs Butler

Wednesday – Darch Martial Arts (Y2-Y6)

Thursday – Football Skills Club (Y2-Y6) Mr Evans

Thursday – Art Club (Y2-6) Mrs Morgan

After school childcare is also available Monday – Thursday 3.30-5.30pm

Thought for the Week:



Attendance – last week

Whole School – 96.25%

Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6