

## Newsletter October 2018





Our Macmillan Coffee Morning raised a fantastic total of £331. 36

### Thank you to everyone for your generosity

Our event is a success not only because you come along and support with your donations and help but also because of all the scrumptious cakes that are so generously contributed.

All the proceeds go to Support the Macmillan Cancer Care charity

# Harvest Service We enjoyed a wonderful service, with joyful songs, readings and prayers from the children.

Generous harvest gifts have been donated to the Food Bank, and the school has received a letter of Thanks.

The collection raised £51 which will be donated to Self Help Africa. The children discovered that this would buy 5 flocks of chickens, or a bicycle, or 4 bags of seed to help families in Africa stay on their farms.

#### **GOVERNOR VACANCY**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR, PLEASE COLLECT AN INFORMATION PACK FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE. NOMINATION PAPERS BY 2 NOV PLEASE.

#### SPORTS

ACTIVE SPORTS- Our team from Willow and Rowan classes joined other schools for this event. They learned and played different team games. They enjoyed being part of team and playing with children from other schools. A good time was had by all!

CROSS COUNTRY – Pupils from Rowan and Oak took part in the event at Gresham's school. 37 schools took part! All the runners completed the challenging course. A big well done therefore to all our runners, with a special mention to both Tara for achieving 13<sup>th</sup> and Marni 22<sup>nd</sup> from 199 runners in the under 9 girls; Rhys 51<sup>st</sup> position from 282 runners in the under 11 boys.

TAG RUGBY competition and festival. A great competition between primary schools, Lyng came 3<sup>rd</sup>-Well done team! Alfie and Cameron were also awarded a Sportsmanship award. All the children were *highly praised* for their behaviour and sportsmanship by the coaches leading the event.

TASTERS AT MANOR ADVENTURE- Oak class had a great day at this local venue trying some varied activities- canoeing, paddle boarding, the climbing wall and bouldering. Needless to say, everyone got a soaking in the lake! Thank you to Manor Adventure for offering this day free of charge.

#### Can you help?

Cherry class are learning about 'People Who Help us'. Some visitors are already planned. Cherry class would also like to meet a fireman, doctor, vet and dentist. Are you-or do you know someone who would be able to come in and talk to the children about their job? Please see Miss Phillpot, Cherry class teacher.

#### Our Values

Each half term, the whole school focuses on learning about one of our Values – Next half term, we will be learning about COMPASSION – including noticing a need, being a good neighbour, coming to the rescue. You can find some ideas to talk about with your child on our school website ( see Home Learning in the classes' page.



#### PARENT PARTNERSHIP

We value our partnership with you, and continue to look for ways to help you to support your child in their learning by sharing what we do in school.

Our first Explorer Cafes have been very well attended. Thank you for your comments. Everyone enjoyed them- especially the chance to spend time on a learning activity with their child, and to find ways to help with reading at home. Many of you suggested ideas for future Explorer cafes - such as outdoors/ forest schools and maths.

We have also extended Drop In Friday, with many parents responding that the extra few minutes makes all the difference.

As noted on the September newsletter, we have changed Homework to reflect our 'Growth Mindset' approach to learning. Pupils now have a booklet of half termly learning to complete, such as times tables and spellings. You will find these on the Home Learning page in Classes. We will be reviewing this soon. We would welcome your comments at Parents' evening.

#### **REMINDERS**

- Parents' evenings- 30 Oct 3.30-5pm/ 1 Nov 5-6.30pm / 7 Nov 4.30-6pm Please make an appointment if you haven't yet.
- School starts at 8.55 we have had a few late arrivals recently!
- Parking There should be NO parking, waiting, stopping to drop off or collect, on the yellow zig zag lines by the school gates – this is to help ensure everyone's safety by keeping pedestrians visible and gates and access clear.

#### **Diary Dates**

- 31 October –Rowan Class visit 'Victorian School Day' (children are asked to wear Victorian costume and encouraged to join in with a Victorian packed lunchideas are on the letter)
- 31 October Oak class Outdoor Day at Whitwell Hall (lunch included)
- 1 November- Sports Tournament Cross country
- 2 November Rowan class Outdoor Day at Whitwell Hall (lunch included)
- 5 November Oak class visit WWII day (children will be asked to wear evacuee costume and encouraged to join in with a 'WWII style packed lunch and box- ideas provided)
- 9 November- FOLS Mufti Day- non uniform in exchange for a bottle tombola item for the Christmas Favre
- 16 November Children in Need No dressing up
- 16 November FOLS Film Club
- 23 November Oak class visit to Norwich Cathedral
- 27 November Football Festival, Willow class team
- 5 December- Christmas service (afternoon)
- 7 December Christmas service (morning)
- 7 December FOLS Christmas Fayre, all welcome.
- 13 December making a Christingle with Reverend Helen
- 14 December Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (wear Christmas jumper for a charity donation)
- 17 December Theatre Visit in school
- School closes at 3.05 pm on Tuesday 18 December and reopens at 8.55am on Thursday 3 January

