



Alongside other primaries in our Trust, we will be introducing a 'Citizenship and Character Award'. The award is similar in many ways to the excellent National Trust '50 things to do before 11¾' from a few years ago and it is hoped that by taking part in the award, children will be able to try out some new activities and challenges. The award is split into 5 key areas: Developing Me, Physical Me, Wellbeing Me, Local Me and Global Me. It is a very good resource full of ideas for those times when you want to do something different. Some of the challenges will also be covered by the work we do within school, so it is very much a joint venture. More details on how the award will work will be sent out next week, along with the children's 'passports' on which they will track their progress from bronze, through silver and finally onto their gold award. It is another initiative which we are pleased to be involved with that keeps our learners active, inspired and engaged.

We are looking forward to our Harvest festival which will be taking place on the morning of Tuesday 12th October. Due to the amount of children attending, as well as parents/carers who will want to come along, we have split this into two separate half-hour festivals. The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their service at 9:30am followed by the Key Stage 2 children at 10:00am. Mrs Morris will be sending out further information. The church has requested that all parents/carers attending wear masks please.

Finally, we would all like to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Stephens who is starting her maternity leave at the end of school today. We all wish her the very best and look forward to hearing her news in the next few weeks.

### **Mr Turull**

On Monday we welcomed back Mrs Garrett as part of our lunchtime team following her very short-lived retirement. She missed everyone too much and we are really pleased to see her back in action.

Over the last couple of weeks I have had the pleasure of getting to know members of the PTFA who have been extremely busy planning lots of fantastic fundraising events for the year ahead. Without support from the PTFA, the school would not be able to fund all the exciting little extras such as the theatre performance coming up at the end of November, improving our forest school area and updating the books in our book corners. Sadly, much of our fixed play equipment has reached the end of its shelf life so we will be looking to replace it with the help of the PTFA so that children can continue to have happy, fun filled playtimes. If you would like to get involved in the PTFA or help out in an event, pop into the school office and we can introduce you to other members.



Finally, a big thank you to all who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning and for all the cake donations. We will announce the grand total of money raised next week.

Mrs Cowgill





**Notices**

- **COVID-19** - Please can you keep us informed of any positive Covid tests in your families.
- **Data collection** - children have brought home data collection sheets, along with new home-school agreements - please lookout for these in school bags and return by Friday 1st October.
- **Dinner Menu Choices** - These must be made by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day.
- **Dogs** - A gentle reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.
- **Governors** - we currently have vacancies on our governing board - if you are interested in applying we would love to hear from you - please contact the school office for more information.
- **Holiday requests** - please can you ensure that you are following the MAT guidance for requesting holidays and completing a holiday request form which can be provided by the school office. Holidays during term time will not be authorised other than in exceptional circumstances.
- **School gates** will open from 8.40am each morning for children to enter school and from 3.10pm to allow parents to come into the playground for pick up at 3.15pm. Please can parents of children in Cherry Class wait with their children until Cherry Class doors open.
- **School photos- Tuesday 28th September** - reminder that families with children who do not attend school are also invited to have a family photo from 8.15 am- please complete the google form which was shared this week. Please wait in the school playground to be called into the hall.
- **Volunteering** - If you have an hour or two free a week and are able to come and volunteer in school, whether it be sharing books with children, helping in the classroom with art or DT projects, we'd love to hear from you. Please pop into the school office for further information.

**Diary Dates**

Tuesday 28th September  
Tuesday 12th October

Thursday 14th October  
Thursday 22nd October  
Saturday 30th October  
Monday 1st November  
Saturday 20th November  
Friday 26th November  
Tuesday 7th December  
Wednesday 8th December

Individual school photos  
9.30am Harvest Festival in church -Cherry/Maple/Willow  
10am Harvest Festival in church - Rowan/Sycamore/Oak  
2.30pm Sycamore Class Learning Exhibition  
End of Term 1  
PTFA Fireworks display  
Term 2 begins  
PTFA Christmas Fayre  
Hobgoblin Theatre Group performance  
2pm Year 1 and 2 nativity performance  
9.30am Year 1 and 2 nativity performance

**Certificates of the week**

**Head Teacher Certificates**

Congratulations to Paige, Darcy, Sophie, Zach and Delilah on receiving this week's Head Teacher award for showing great craftsmanship.



**Doodle Maths**

Summer, Georgie, Freddie, Paul and Sienna have earned the most stars in their class this week.

Big congratulations to Sienna for winning the Top Doodler trophy!!

A big well done to the children who shared their swimming and gymnastics certificates in our assembly today. We always love to hear about your achievements outside of school.

**Clutton School PTFA** - We are so excited to be able to hold the famous Clutton PTFA fireworks night on Saturday 30th October - with the support of the local community we hope this year's event will be even bigger and better than before!

Tickets will be on sale from next week - look out for a text on how to buy or via the Clutton Primary School PTFA facebook page.....

