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14th October, 2022.

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's Friday again and I am looking forward to seeing our wonderful stars for assembly this afternoon. They are:

Year 6 – Frankie-Moe D and Havana H
Year 5 – Amelie R and Jason-Paul N
Year 4 – Ryan Z and Olivia S
Year 3 – Juwayriya M and Olivia K
Year 2 – Summer F and Boren L
Year 1 – Henry P and Matt Y
Sports stars: Scarlett Rose WH and Joshua M

Well done to all of these children for their great achievements and fantastic attitudes to learning!

Disco

You will have received Miss Williams' letter about the disco on the last day of term. It is very important that you buy your tickets by Wednesday 19th October – please understand that tickets cannot be bought after this time. The staff are doing all of the catering themselves and we have to make sure we have enough food and drink for everyone.

Clubs next week

Clubs will not be running next week due to parent consultations and of course the disco. After School club will run as normal, but please consider purchasing a ticket for the disco for your child if you would normally use the club – they will be running at the same time and it is a shame if the children miss out. There are quieter activities if your child does not want to go into the disco. Credit will be given for another After School Club session if you have paid ahead.

Workshops

Just a big thank you to those of you who attended the recent workshops on phonics and on managing your child's behaviour. We hope you found these useful and would

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welcome any suggestions for further workshops. We will be holding maths workshops for individual classes through the year and you will be notified about this after half term.

Play area

We are delighted that the first phase of improving the play area has been completed with a lovely new trim trail and quiet area for the children. Please take a look when you get a chance. We will take lots of pictures once this is up and running properly next week, so look out for them on the website.

The main playground is scheduled for resurfacing in the Easter holiday and resurfacing of the path from the Brockworth Road is scheduled to happen in the October break.

Thank you for continuing to support our fundraising activities which contributes to these developments. The cake sale managed to raise £120 in just over half an hour! We will be having a sweet sale this afternoon – in the playground if it isn't raining and in the dining room if it is. We hope to see lots of you there.

Roof replacement

A lot less fun than playground developments, but massively important is our long overdue roof replacement, including the replacement of the dining hall roof. Work will begin on this during half term and we have been working through plans with the council contractors to ensure disruption is minimised. Unfortunately, this is a massive and essential project which was held during the pandemic and its aftermath, and with the coming winter, something that cannot be delayed any further due to roof leaks throughout the building in the heavy rain. We will keep you updated as the work progresses and we know it will be a novelty for the children to see some areas being sectioned off. As ever, our first priority is everyone's health and safety, so despite the inconvenience at times for the children and staff, let me assure you that all measures will be taken to ensure the children are kept safe and warm and well fed!

Parents' evening

We are looking forward to seeing those of you who have booked your slot next week. I know it's really hard to keep to times when you feel there is lots more you need to find out, but please do make sure you keep to the 10 allocated minutes. If you have any concerns which require a longer conversation, you are welcome to make a separate appointment at a later date to discuss this.

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Harvest

Just another reminder that the Y5 harvest assembly will take place on the last Friday of term – 21st October at 9 am – parents and carers are welcome to attend. We would be grateful if all families could reach into those cupboards and donate the following items if you can:

- Tinned food
- Dried packet food
- Toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo.

Could you please check the sell by dates on the items before you send them in so that we are not passing on any out of date items to Spearhead Trust at the Farmhouse. Items can be brought to the front or rear entrance depending on where you come into school. Thank you.

Another reminder about parking: if you are attending an assembly or other school event please try to park on Brockworth Road and come through the playground into school in the morning. You can take your seats straight away while we wait to start. Please **do not use the Farmhouse parking spaces** – these are for the use of people working at or visiting Spearhead Trust – not for the use of school parents and carers. Bells Farm Close itself also get very congested on these days, which represents a danger to children and adults, so please avoid if possible.

These are the main messages for now. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth

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