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NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents and Guardians

Year 1

Year 1 were pleased to welcome Dr Ruben in to school last week. She gave a very enjoyable and interesting account of Shabbat and how it is celebrated by Jewish families. The children loved wearing the Yarmulke caps as well as listening to the Hebrew prayers.

Year 1 went transatlantic this week when they used Skype to share lessons with children in a class in Ohio. The children in America had only just arrived at school whereas Year 1 were nearly ready to go home. They introduced themselves, enjoyed listening to each other's different accents, discussed what they have for lunch and listened to a poem from their American counterparts. We are looking forward to seeing them again soon.

Reminder: Due to the Harvest Service on Monday 5th October, all Year 1 children need to come to school in their uniform and not tracksuits. Please still bring swimming kits to school.

Reception

This week Ariya's Mummy brought baby Alayna into school to visit the Reception classes. The children asked Ariya's Mummy lots of interesting questions about looking after babies. The Reception children are now looking at photographs of themselves as babies and thinking about the sorts of things they can do now that they are growing up.

Has your Reception child done something amazing out of school? Please let us know all about your own super star by writing what they have done onto one of the paper stars provided and adding it to the board under the stairs in the Reception hall. Don't forget to add their name.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in an order so far for the Reception Nativity DVD. If any further Reception parents are planning to pre-order a DVD please send all orders in by Friday 9 October so that we can see if this is a viable option.

Harvest Service – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our service on Monday 5th October at 2:15pm in the Senior School Chapel. Parking for this event will be in the Senior School South car park (by the swimming pool). Please park as directed by the staff on duty in this car park. Reading Bags will not come home on Monday after the service. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should be collected from outside the Chapel between 2:45pm to 3:00pm after this service unless they are booked into aftercare. Please note that **Gymnastics and Violins are not taking place on Monday**. Those children returning to school for Aftercare have now been noted and will travel by minibus, leaving the Chapel at 3.00pm.

Nursery Harvest is on the morning of Monday 5th October. We have been learning songs and poems to share with each other during our own Celebration Assembly. This service is not open to parents. Please can you place any harvest gifts on to the table outside the Nursery entrance. Thank you.

PA Barn Dance 17th October 2015

Unfortunately due to lack of interest the Parents Association have had to cancel the Barn Dance. Those that have purchased tickets will have monies returned via book bags over the course of the next few days.

This is disappointing as historically this has been a very popular event.

We should like to remind you that the success of the events enables us to support projects and many things for the children, therefore your support is always welcome.

Macmillan Cake Sale

You will see that your child has a plate in their bag to bring in a cake on Monday 5th October 2015 as the PA will be offering them for sale and ALL proceeds will go to Macmillan.

This event will be in the Hospitality Suite at 2.45pm on Monday 5th October. We do hope as many of you as possible can join us to support this.

Formal Parents' Evenings

Please remember to sign up for Parents' Evening appointments if your child is in Nursery or Reception. Each individual appointment is ten minutes long and your child's work, so far this term, will be available to look at. The staff will discuss how your child has settled into their new class. A brief written report on each child will be sent home at the end of the Michaelmas Term.

Appointment sheets for Years 1 & 2 will be available in the cloakroom from Monday 19 October. Clubs will continue as normal during both of these weeks. If you require aftercare during these weeks please book with the office at least 24 hours in advance. Children cannot be left in aftercare while you meet staff due to legal staff supervision ratios that have to be adhered to.

Aftercare

Please note that aftercare bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Aftercare finishes at 6.00pm each evening and the school is then locked. Please ensure that you collect your child from Aftercare by 6.00pm at the latest. Penalty charges will be applied for late collection.

Junior Squad Swimming 5.30-6.30pm

Please note that next week's session on Tuesday 6 October has been cancelled.

Half Term

The school will close at 6.00pm on Friday 23rd October for the 2 week half term holiday. Clubs and aftercare run as normal but there will be no afternoon buses. Please make alternative arrangements.

Holiday Club

The Holiday Club deadline is next Friday, 9 October. Please return your form to secure your place. Forms are available from outside the office or visit

www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/afterschoolandholidaycare

Lent Term 2016

Please note that school opens on Thursday 7th January following the Christmas break.

Lost Property

Ella Cunningham RS – school coat.

Monty Pritchard 1K – school coat.

Star Pupils

Congratulations to Pippa Malpas, Isla Halford, Emily Kesterton (Nursery), Amber Edwards, Romie Bibbey, Milo Ellson (Reception), Beau Langford, Erica Lewis, Neave Colley, Charlotte Hibbert-May (Year 1), Harry Dakin, Isla Gould, Mya Doak (Year 2) for being this week's Star Pupils. They were each presented with their golden star and certificate in assembly this morning.

Yours sincerely,

J. Deval-Reed