



Newsletter 4

Friday 18th October 2019

Badgers had a very exciting day at Cleeve Prior learning about animals and their habitats last week. The children explored the apple orchard learning about the different creatures that lived there and were able to ask questions about the foods that some of the animals ate and why they chose to live in the orchard area. Thank you once again to the Friends of Bretforton Village School for kindly agreeing to pay for the coach to transport the children to and from the Heritage Trust – their support has enabled us to give the children another experience free of charge to parents.



Monday 14th October was our Harvest Service in St Leonard's Church and it was fantastic to see so many parents and other relatives come along to see the children perform at this important time in the school and church calendar. The singing was, as ever, absolutely excellent and it was really good to see so much produce that had been contributed to those less fortunate than ourselves. All your donations will be shared out by Caring Hands in the Vale, a charity that works to support the needy. I hope everyone enjoyed the poems, story and songs the children performed for you.



Those of you who were able to attend Celebration Assembly yesterday morning will have been introduced to Mrs Sidney, who will be working in the school office from Monday of next week, during Mrs Eckersley's absence. I am sure you will all give her a warm welcome to Bretforton as she learns the office systems and becomes familiar with the role. She will be working mornings only so please be patient if you need to contact the office during the afternoons. Can I also say a huge thank you to Mrs Phipps who has been coming over from Bengeworth to support us in the interim period – her hard work to keep things going has been much appreciated.



On Monday 11th November, we will be holding our Remembrance assembly at St Leonard's Church at 9.15am. All are welcome to join us for this. We will, as usual, be collecting on behalf of the Royal British Legion, so if you would like to donate to buy a poppy, these will be available in school from Monday 21st October.

We have also been given some collecting boxes that you may want to use at home to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. If you would like one, please speak to Mrs Sidney in the school office. Please not - we will not hand the collecting boxes over to children.

As you will see from the list of diary dates, we have a busy half term ahead of us. All of the upcoming dates are not yet in the list but I have put some of the most significant ones in so that you can plan ahead. For Children in Need Day, which is Friday 15th November, we would like the children to come dressed using the theme "Spots and Stripes". All donations, however small are very gratefully received and we will be doing some Children in Need related activities on that day. Otters will need their Forest School kit for the afternoon as they will be having their session as normal.



Diary Dates

Friday 25th October – End of autumn term 1

Wednesday 6th November – First day of term for children – autumn term 2

Thursday 7th November – Walk-in Session from 3.00pm to 3.30pm

Monday 11th November – Remembrance assembly open to parents at St Leonard's Church – 9.15am

Tuesday 12th November – Children's Individual Photographs

Friday 15th November – Children in Need day

Friday 29th November – Christmas Fair in school – 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Saturday 30th November – Christmas Fair in school – from 11.00am

Monday 4th December – Walk-in Session from 3.00pm to 3.30pm

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas performance at St Leonard's – 2.00pm

Thursday 12th December – Christmas performance at St Leonard's – 6.00pm

Monday 16th December – Cinderella at the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham

Wednesday 18th December – School Christmas lunch - details to follow