

Good school attendance

'The importance of attending school regularly' was the theme of our main assembly this week. As part of our drive to improve our attendance, every child has been set an individual target to work towards each half term. Children will be awarded house points, if they meet their targets as well as certificates for those who attend 95% and above. We will be celebrating good attendance at the end of each short term in our Friday celebration assembly. Our overall attendance for this term so far is 92.7%; this is an improvement on where we finished last year at 91%, but there is still some distance to go to achieve our target of 95%!

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday we visited St Mary's church as part of their Harvest festival week. Years 3 - 6 walked to the church to participate in the service. The pupils behaved really well and they were very respectful during the service. Thank you for all the donations that you provided for Maidenhead Foodshare. Our donations, along with others from the Church community, will be given to the Foodshare next week.

Road Safety

Our Robins and Foxes classes had a session on road safety this week. Children learnt about the Green Cross Code and the importance of taking care when crossing roads, cycling bikes, using scooters and the laws associated with road use. To support parents, further guidance can be found on <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Inter-house bake off

Next Monday we have our first inter-house competition - our Woody P bake off! We are encouraging chil-

dren, with the support of an adult, to bake a treat over the weekend and bring it in for our competition on Monday. At dismissal on Monday, we will be selling the cakes, so please allow your child to have some change to make a purchase. Attached to the newsletter is the flier which we sent out earlier in the week promoting the competition. Please ensure that entries are labelled with your child's name and their house (Ashdown, Dean, Epping or Sherwood).

Leadership badges

Our new School Council and Eco-committee reps received their badges in assembly today. Well done to all the children who applied for these positions and to those who were selected / elected. We are excited about the work these groups will be undertaking this year!

Open Evening

Next Wednesday we have our Open Evening. To support us with the evening, we are requiring help from some of our pupils. If your child has been asked help then they will have received a letter. Please return the slip attached to the letter giving permission. The evening is running from 6-7.30 p.m.

Year 3 - 6 Parents' Evening

Our first parents' evening is taking place in two weeks time. This term we have our Year 3 - 6 meetings before half-term and Reception - Year 2 after



Photo: Harvest Festival



Photo: Pupils at St. Mary's Church

the October break. There are two booking slots, one straight after school and another later in the evening. It's really important that parents and carers come to the meetings to get some feedback from teachers. More info to follow about how to book.

Extra curricular trips/events

We have recently sent out communication to different year groups about trips and events that are scheduled in for this term. For some of these events to happen, we do require voluntary contributions from parents/carers. If we do not receive enough of these, we may have to consider cancelling the trip/activity. Please help us to ensure that we can provide the best opportunities possible for the children, by supporting these events.

After school clubs

We still have spaces available on our after school club programme. If your child enjoys activities like crafts, singing or sports, then please check sQuid to see what's on offer!

Volunteers to help with literacy

We are looking for some adult helpers to assist with reading and overseeing our collection of school books. Mrs Butcher, our Assistant Headteacher, will be sending out communication about this next week.