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Dear Parents

Harvest Festival

We would like to invite parents and friends to our Harvest Festival in St Andrew's Church, Foxton. It will take place on Friday 3rd October at 2.30pm.

This year, we are collecting food for the 'Jubilee Food Bank' which operates from the Congregational Church in Market Harborough, providing food for those in need. There is a list of items they would like on our noticeboard – they can use cereals and most things in tins. However, they have said nothing fresh, frozen or homemade. Please bring them into School by 9am on Friday 3rd October.

Please make arrangements so your child is collected from the church by 3.20pm. Any children not collected will be walked back to school, as will the children taking part in the after school football club. Please complete and return the reply slip to give your permission for the children to walk to the church. If you would like your child to walk home on their own from the church, please indicate on the reply slip.

Achievement Assemblies

The first Achievement Assembly of this academic year is on Friday 26th September. Achievement Cups will be presented for 'Rising to the Challenge'. The Achievement Assembly will start at 2.45pm in the School Hall. The Foxton School Association will be holding their AGM before the assembly, starting at 2.25pm, come along to hear what's going on.

Congratulations!

Ciaran Barrow and Gracie Bosworth are Head Boy and Head Girl for the Autumn Term.

Joe Tremlett, Joseph Parsons, Ciaran Barrow and Gracie Bosworth have been elected Team Leaders by the children in their teams. Adam Flood and Will Lawrence have been elected onto the School Council by the children in Years 3 and 4. Malachy Kime and Evie Chapman have also been elected onto the School Council by the children in Years 1 and 2.

Joseph Parsons and Joe Lumley are our Junior Road Safety Officers for this academic year.

Georgia Clarke was successfully interviewed for the position of School Bank Manager and she has appointed Luke Thackstone as her assistant.

Georgia Clarke, Gracie Bosworth, Joe Lumley and Ciaran Barrow are our Sports Ambassadors.

Sophia Hinks and Emma Rowe are our library monitors and Joseph Hicks, Luke Thackstone and Reuben Saunders are our Eco Warriors.

Golden Time

We have been operating Golden Time for many years as a reward for those children who have worked hard and behaved throughout the week. We are refocussing our Golden Time activities this term to fit in with our School Improvement Plan therefore no children will be losing Golden Time, instead five minutes of break times may be lost instead for any misbehaviour.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL
St Andrew's Church, Foxton, Friday 3rd October 2014

Name of Child: Class:

I give permission for my child to walk to church for the Harvest Festival.

Signed:

Date:

Parking Outside School

Outside our school we have zigzag yellow lines; please do not park on the zigzag lines as it makes it very difficult to see if traffic is coming when pedestrians are trying to cross. We also have two cones which indicate a 'Dropping Off Zone', please only stop here if you are just dropping off a child/children.

Homework

All classes have settled into their routines and the following system will now operate for homework:

Fox Cubs

Every night the children are expected to read or to be read to and do other activities such as work from their phonics book to support their learning needs. In the Summer Term the children will have a Learning Log Workbook.

Year 1 and 2

A minimum of 10 minutes reading per night. Spellings to learn will be sent out on a Friday to reinforce spelling work done in class. Learning Log activities to be completed every week will be given out on a Friday and are to be returned on the following Wednesday. After February Half Term the Learning Log activities will be set on a Tuesday to be returned the following Monday.

Year 3 and 4

A piece of Maths homework will be sent home on Fridays and is due back on the following Wednesday. Their reading book is to be read every night. Spellings to learn are sent out on Wednesdays for a test on the following Wednesday.

Year 5 and 6

Homework will be given on Fridays to be returned by the following Wednesday. Spellings will be given out on a Monday to be tested on the following Friday. A topic related project will be set for completion during some holidays.

We value your comments about how your child is getting on with their reading; please write in their Reading Record or in their Learning Log.

Music Lessons

The violins and cellos have been collected and the guitars delivered! I am looking forward to hearing how the Year 3 and 4 children get on with their new instruments.

Writer of the Week

Each week, from each class the teachers will nominate their Writer of the Week. As a reward these children will then have juice and cake in the afternoon. A photograph of the Writers of the Week will be displayed in the school hall.

Maths Magic

After school Maths Magic Club begins on Thursday 2nd October and then every Wednesday for 6 weeks. There are still places available, visit this website: www.magicalmathsclub.com to join.

After School Care

Mrs Wilcock has been appointed as our After School Care organiser and will be starting to work with us as soon as we have Disclosure and Barring Service clearance. I will be sending out booking forms as places for After School Care will be limited.

Postcards

Thank you to everyone who sent us a postcard from their summer holidays. Mrs Bellamy has displayed them in the hall, have a look at Achievement Assembly.

School Dinners

We are pleased with how the Universal Free School Meals for children in Fox Cubs and in Year 1 and 2 have been put into place within our school. Thank you to Jenny McAllister, our school cook, for making sure everything has gone smoothly. To celebrate Jenny has chosen her favourite meal from the new menu so on Thursday 2nd October the meal will be Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Carrots and Peas. The vegetarian option will be Mild Spiced Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice and Peas and Carrots. Both meals will be served with Ice Cream for pudding. This will be cooked for all children in Fox Cubs and in Year 1 and 2 so they can all try one of Jenny's Dinners! Please let Mrs Raymakers know if your child will definitely not be trying a school dinner on Thursday 2nd October. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 can also enjoy this meal for the cost of £2.10. All they have to do is let their teacher know when the register is taken.

Money

It is very helpful if money sent into school arrives in a labelled envelope, marked for 'The Attention of the School Office'.

Scarecrow Weekend

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to making our tombola stall such a success. Over £500 was raised for the Foxtan School Association.

Yours sincerely

P Clark