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NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

The Autumn term has started well and everyone is working very hard. Throughout the school there is a real sense of purpose and a quiet excitement as new topics are getting underway. Whilst our key focus is always on learning, we continue to include a wide variety of experiences to enrich the children's lives. This includes our Church links so, on Thursday 5th October, we will be celebrating Harvest time. Please help us to support the Leek Food Bank and share what we have plenty of - particularly packets and/or tins of food (no fresh produce) - thank you. For KS2 parents/carers don't forget that we have Pirate performances coming soon - please look out for the letter! Finally, thank you to all of you who supported the Macmillan Cancer Support coffee afternoon as, together, we raised £118-57 - Thank you!

With kind regards,

Tracy Ward (Principal) and the School Team

SAFEGUARDING MATTERS - please help your child and the school

- **Please do not walk across the school car park** to bring your child/ren to and from school. At any moment a car could slip its breaks and an unpleasant accident might occur. **Please use the public footpath and steps/ramp up to the KS1 playground.**
- We have also been informed that toddlers are not being safely supervised before and after school, particularly near to parked and moving cars. Please can we all work together to avoid any tragic accidents from occurring.
- Thank you to all the parents who have supported the school's stance on head lice. We politely ask that everyone continues to check their child's hair on a frequent basis to avoid any further infestations. School is taking this matter very seriously and has ordered a school teaching pack so we can increase awareness with the children. Mrs Fryer, in the office, has sourced some amazing combs [NOT NITTY GRITTY] we are assured these are better. The combs should be available next week, so check at the office [these will be sold at cost 98p]
- Finally, if you are worried about another child in terms of their safety and/or wellbeing, as responsible citizens you are encouraged to report this information to school (preferably the Principal) or to **First Response on 08001313126**. This phone number is free and you will be given advice accordingly.

ALL CHANGE!!

Nothing stands still in education in terms of policy but it also applies to people. We have a few 'people' changes to share with you.

- Mrs Fox, one of our much valued Teaching Assistants and a Parent Governor, has left to pursue her dream career to work with very vulnerable children/young people. She will be missed very much but we also wish her every success in her new post and thank her for the
- Mrs Shuttlewood, a Chair and Parent representative of our Local Academy Council (governing board), has stepped down to pursue her career hopes and dreams. We want to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during her time in post and wish her every success too.
- At a recent meeting of our LAC, Mrs Mary Walker, a Foundation (Church) member, was elected as Chair. She is also the Chair of the Trust Board for Staffordshire University Academies Trust. We wish her all the best as she assists in the strategic leadership of our school
- Welcome to our 2 new co-opted members of the LAC - Mrs Charlotte Latham and Mrs Pat Davies. We are really appreciative of their willingness and time to support our school at this level of leadership and very much look forward to working with them.

HELP NEEDED!!

As Autumn kicks in, we would appreciate some help with tidying up our school garden and preparing it for Winter. Please can you let the office know if you or a family member can help and when? We will supply the tea/coffee/biscuits to keep the workers happy. PS. If anyone has basic DIY skills to repair some of the planters and paint them that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



INVITATION

Due to Mrs Fox and Mrs Shuttlewood stepping down from their posts on our LAC, we now need 2 new parent representatives. Ahead of any elections we would like to invite those of you who **may be interested**, to an informal chat on **Monday 16th October at 4.00pm**. Our new Chair, Mary Walker, and Vice Chair, Julie Wheel, will be there along with Mrs Ward and Mrs Edwards. There will be some light refreshments available and child care can be catered for if needs be. Please can you let the office know if you can come by **Friday 13th October?** Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER ☺

- **English Workshop [including Phonics]** for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Parents/Carers on **Wednesday 11th October, 6.00 - 7.00pm**
- **KS2 Performance** at 2.00pm on **Monday 16th October**; 4.30pm on **Thursday 19th October**; 2.00pm on **Friday 20th October**
- **Half Term - Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October**
- **INSET DAY - Monday 30th October**; School re-opens to children on **Tuesday 31st October**
- **Phonics Workshop** for FS + KS1 Parents/Carers on **Tuesday 7th November, 6.00 - 7.00pm**
- **Maths Workshop** for all Parents/Carers on **Tuesday 14th November, 6.00 - 7.00pm**