

### Dear parents/carers,

What a lovely time of year—we hope you are enjoying seeing the beautiful autumnal colours and crunching through the fallen leaves!

Enjoy finding out about school news and some of the activities the children have been enjoying below.

### Harvest Thanks

Thank you for joining us for the Harvest Celebration at the end of the term—it was great to be together. The children performed their songs and poems really well and it was wonderful that so many of you joined in with the shared songs. Just to share we collected nearly **27KG** of food for the local food bank! Thank you for your kindness and making a difference to those in need.

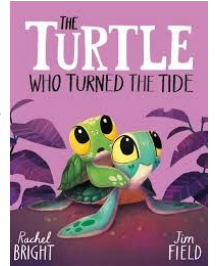
### Year 1 and 2 Trip to the Literature Festival

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October all 39 of our year 1 and 2 children enjoyed a really special day out at the Cheltenham Literature Festival. They started the day in 'The Forum', a huge event tent, with a talk from Rachel Bright and Jim Field, the author and illustrator of 'The Lion Inside'. They read their new story 'The Turtle who Turned the Tide', and taught the children how to draw the main character, Tula. The children were rightly really proud of their incredible drawings! The children also got to join in with lots of animal noises and took part in telling 'The Lion Inside' story together. Mrs Harrison and Marci even got to go up on the stage! Even though Mrs Harrison's camel noise didn't win the competition, it made everyone laugh! Marci did a wonderful job showing the audience when to join in with the lion's roar – she was so brave to go on stage!

After the talk, the children enjoyed lunch and a little play at the park. Then they joined a trail to find all the scenes from the Julia Donaldson 'Tales from Acorn Wood' stories, and answer questions to receive a sticker.

Finally, the children moved into 'The Den', another big tent with lots of fun activities to explore. They made puppets, and used them in the puppet theatre, decorated hats, learned how to draw comic characters, and enjoyed some quiet time on the giant beanbags with stories and sensory play. Possibly the favourite area though, was the dressing up corner, where children became a whole range of story characters as they changed into dresses, wings, hats, tails and so much more!

All of the children were fantastic from start to end, demonstrating our school values at all times, and were truly inspired to love stories, reading, creating and writing. We bought our own signed copy of 'The Turtle who Turned the Tide' to continue the fun and learning back in the classroom.





## Children In Need

Wow! Everyone looked great in their spots and bear ears to celebrate Children In Need. Especially well done to the children who made their spotty outfits with stickers, sewn patches and fabric pens—everyone looked brilliant.

The children on the School Council and in C5 did a fantastic job setting up the bring and buy sale on the day—there were lots of games, puzzles, cute cuddly toys and books on offer. There were also cakes of all types too. The children were wonderful at giving space to each other so everyone could see what was on offer - there were lots of smiles as children found new toys & books. Overall the children raised a wonderful £230! This is our biggest total for Children In Need fundraising so thank you to everyone who baked cakes, donated pre loved games & toys and sent pennies in with their children.

We have sent in a few short clip of the sale to BBC Points West so we might be on the television on Friday too!.

Thanks again for helping the School Council to lead the fund raising for this brilliant charity.

## Thank You!

Our wonderful PA are a fantastic team who work hard to offer fun events for the school community and raise valuable funds for the school. Mrs Hussey has been an integral part of leading this team for many years. She has creatively led big events with enthusiasm, galvanised a team approach and generated lots of fun for children & adults. We sincerely thank Mrs Hussey for her generosity in giving her time and expertise as she stands down from the PA committee. She will be missed!

## DIARY DATES:

### Autumn Term 2

#### **November 3rd: Start of Autumn Term 2 for children**

November 5th: Tag Rugby Competition - Y6

November 6th: Flu Immunisation on site

November 10th: Children In Needs day: Bring and Buy Sale & dress up spotty!  
Boccia weekly sessions start for Y3 & Y4

November 12th: Open morning for parents with Reception children joining in Sept 2026

November 13th: Y5 Sports Hall Athletics—TBC—**Cancelled** (We'll look for another event for Y5 to attend)

November 19th: Y4 Boccia Competition

November 24th: Final week of clubs

November 25th: Open Afternoon 2.45-3.10pm—come and see your child's work.

December 5th: PA Christmas Fair - straight after school

December 10th: KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm/5pm

December 16th: Height, weight & vision checks—Rec/Y6

December 16th: KS2 Christmas Performance 5pm

December 17th: KS2 Christmas Performance 1.45pm/5pm

December 18th: Christmas Lunch + Christmas jumper day

December 19th: Last day of term

### Spring Term 1 onwards

January 5th: INSET for staff

January 6th: First day for children

C1 & C2 whole class glockenspiel lessons with music specialist start this term.

January 9th: PA Popcorn & PJ Night: KS1

January 16th: PA Popcorn & PJ Night: KS2

January 28th: Sports Hall Athletics Y1—TBC

January 29th: PA Rags-to-Riches Collection

February 13th: PA Cake Sale—C4

March 5th: World Book Day: Dress up as favourite character/PA Book Sale after school

March 2nd: Parent Evening—details to follow

March 11th: Parent Evening—details to follow

March 22nd: PA Egg Hunt

March 27th: PA Cake Sale—C3

May 26th: PA Cake Sale—C2

June 28th: PA Duck Races

July 17th: PA Cake Sale—C1



Thank you for your continued support,

**Zoe Avastu    Headteacher**

*Aiming high.....together*