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An extra newsletter to keep up with extra news!

### Cross of Nails

As part of the celebration of 200 years of church schools, each Church of England school in the Diocese will receive the special Cross of Nails which began its journey from Coventry Cathedral in January and will complete its journey at the end of the year. We will receive the cross from Wootton Wawen Primary on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and pass it on to The Ferncumbe Primary on 26<sup>th</sup> September. The cross of nails is very special to Coventry as a symbol of peace and reconciliation following the bombing in WW2.

To receive the cross of nails from Wootton Wawen Primary school on Thursday, all the children of Henley Primary, except Reception, will be walking down to St John's Church straight after registration in the morning where we will have a short service together around 9.30. We will process back following the Cross of Nails which will then stay in our school all day Thursday and Friday. It will be in St John's Church on Sunday and then return to us on Monday to be taken to The Ferncumbe School in the morning.

Although you are of course welcome to join us for our service, we expect the children will fill most of the church leaving few spaces, so please don't feel obliged to come. You will be very welcome to come into school to view the cross.

Please ensure your child has a coat and suitable shoes for the walk round to church on Thursday. No permission slips are necessary for this outing.

### DISCO

Due to a change of the DJ's circumstances, we will have to hold the next disco at 5.00-6.30 on 14<sup>th</sup> October, rather than 6.00-7.30 as advertised. This may prove popular with some as many of the younger children struggle to keep going to 7.30. Others may feel it is rather rushed after school. Please inform any pupils from last year's Year 6 if you see them. Their invitations will be sent to them soon.

### Race Night

You should have received your information about the Race Night being held at the Church Hall by the PTA on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets are £6, which includes your fish and chip supper and you have a slip on your letter if you would like to book your table of 8. Places are limited so first come, first served. Money raised will go towards buying netbooks for KS2 to use when our Wi-Fi is installed.

### Photographs

If you have a pre-school child who you would like to be photographed with your school child, you need to come into school with all your children at 8.45 on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and wait in line for the pictures to be taken. School children can then go to their classes.

Any siblings within the school will be photographed together later and all children will have individual photographs taken. Samples are then sent home and you have the choice of which pictures to buy or not to buy.

### Alcester Academy

(previously known as Alcester High)

We have been asked to alert our Year 6 parents that the date for the open evening at Alcester Academy is 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30-8.30. There was a misprint in the Warwickshire Brochure.

### Reading Army

We have 20 people who come in to hear our children read but can always accommodate more. Please call the office if you think you would like to be involved in this exciting project which has had an amazing affect on our children's reading skills.

### Parents' Evenings

We offer two choices for the parent teacher consultation meeting, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30 - 8.00 and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 - 6.00. Please sign up on the lists which will be in the entrance hall from 3<sup>rd</sup> October or telephone school to book your 10 minute slot with your child's class teacher. If you think there are issues that need more time to discuss, please make an additional appointment for another occasion. At this meeting we generally concentrate on how your child has settled in to their new class, what their targets are for the next year and what you can do to help in the short and long term. Consultations are in the hall but the classrooms are open for you to see your child's learning.

### KS2 Maths evening

We are going to try again to hold a maths calculation evening for parents of children in KS2 (after cancelling two last term!) Please come along if you would like to learn how and when we teach your child column addition and subtraction and long division and long multiplication. Parents have told us in previous years that this evening was very helpful to them and their child, especially for home learning. It will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 in school.

### **KS1 Maths evening**

We will also hold a maths evening for parents of KS1 children on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to show you how it all begins including explaining the mysteries of a number line, partitioning and arrays. Do come along if you would like to be able to speak the same mathematical language as your child!

### **Henley in Bloom**

Congratulations to the winners of the garden tray competition. First place went to Jasmine Possee, Second place to Mei Williams and third place went to Ben Possee. All the entries were wonderful with many intricate details and delightful layouts. Well done everyone! The winning children are invited to a lunch with the Henley in Bloom team where they will be presented with their trophies.

### **Open day**

Please tell your friends and neighbours we will be having an Open Day on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30-2.30. Prospective parents can come and see a normal day at school as they are escorted on a tour of the school by Year 6 pupils.

### **Harvest Celebration**

We will hold our annual Harvest Celebration on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 1.30. All the children in school will take part and parents and families are welcome to join us. You may take your child home after the service. We will collect non-perishable produce from 17<sup>th</sup> October and donate it to the Salvation Army based in Stratford.

### **Cake Sale**

Please bring your money and your appetites for Year 5 and 6's cake sale on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September after school this week. They are trying to raise money to pay for the coach and the fees to take part in the Young Voices performance at the LG Arena. Their next enterprise is a second hand book sale on 7<sup>th</sup> October, so please donate any books that are in reasonable condition for them to sell.

### **PTA**

The next PTA meeting is at 8.00pm on 29<sup>th</sup> September in school. This meeting will also be the AGM. All welcome.

### **House Captains**

Congratulations to our new House Captains, the first ones in this current Year 6. They are Sam Sedgwick and Ethan Paine for Beaudesert, Georgia Mae Litwinko and Erin Hamblett for DeMontfort and Louis Jones and Chloe Warden for Arden. They have already been working very hard to help us to look after the new Reception children at lunchtimes. House Captains and other Year 6 pupils have been putting on the children's high vis vests before they go out to play and making sure all the new children know where to go and have someone to play with. A sterling job House Captains and Year 6. Well done!