



**Thank you** for your feedback about our Newsletter. We hope to address your points as far as possible and offer additional opportunities to share and celebrate with you what is happening in school.

Some people asked for more information about what the children are learning which we are of course happy to do. However we will report about children's progress at parent evenings.

As well as Newsletters, we will invite you to come into school to look at children's learning and celebrate their successes.

At the end of each half term parents of children, who are to receive our 'Golden Apple Award', given to children who have consistently worked hard at their learning and followed our Code of Conduct, will be invited to join us at our celebration assembly.

## Parent Forum

Parents are invited to join us on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm for our first Parent Forum. It will be a chance for parents to share their views and ask questions and receive information so that we can work together to provide the best opportunities for the children at Watling Lower School.



At this first meeting we will share our School Improvement and Development Plan with you.

## Parent, Staff Association

Our school is lucky to have a dedicated group of people who work hard to provide additional opportunities and resources for our school. We would like to encourage you to join them - after all many hands make light work! To find out how you can join in, however much time you have to spare please come along to the **AGM** on **13<sup>th</sup> October after school.**

## Clubs

A full range of clubs and activities will be starting next week. We hope you will encourage your child to attend at least one. Some groups are run by outside agencies that use our facilities; some are run by school staff.

Full details will be sent out later this week.

## Home Learning

We have started to use our new style 'Home Learning Logs' to encourage children to continue and share their learning with their parents at home. We hope the new style addresses some concerns you have shared with us and we will be asking for your opinions in a few weeks time.

## School Meals

As you are aware we are using new caterers this term, 'Principals Contract Caterers'. We would like to ask your views about the service and food provided. If your child has made any comments and you would like to share them with us please use the slip at the end of this letter.

For your information the daily £1.90 price includes a main course and pudding with salad and fruit available each day.

Please make cheques payable to 'Principals Contract Catering Ltd.'

## Music Lessons

We are lucky to have violin and recorder lessons at school as well as our school choir. If you would like your child to take advantage of the CBC Music Service for any other instrument please complete the slip at the end of this Newsletter.

More information about the Service can be found at [www.inspiringmusic.co.uk](http://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk)



## Watling Football Club

We would like to encourage children to take the opportunity to join this well established Football Club. Year 3 boys and girls are particularly encouraged to join training on our field from 3.45 to 4.45 each Wednesday.

If you are a parent keen to step forward and help run and manage a team Mr Topp would be more than happy to hear from you. You can contact him on 07718 603627.



## Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal

We will be running this popular appeal again this year and hope as many people as possible will be able to join in. Details will be sent out nearer half term with the aim of collecting the gift boxes soon after the half term break.

## Security

We strive to keep our school safe for everyone. Once the morning bell has gone, please shut the green gate as you leave after dropping off children.

## School Council

Our School Council has been elected and are ready to play an important role in school over the coming year. Members of the Council are:

Names	Class
Harvey H. & Chanice W.	Chestnut
Jack T. & Lillie B.	Rowan
Ruby C. & Oliver H.	Holly
Sophie T. & Zach S.	Elm
Yasmin J. & Luke A.	Willow

## Harvest

Harvest will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.



## Governors

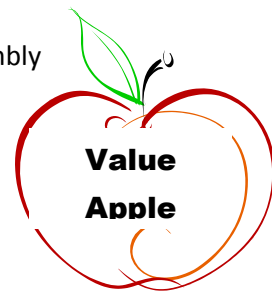
The next Governing Body meeting will be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Thank you to those parents who put themselves forward to become Governors. We will shortly be up to full strength in our Governing Body and will bring you more news in our next Newsletter.

## Awards

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Each week in our Celebration Assembly we award our 'Values Apple' to children who demonstrate the current term's value and our Code of Conduct.. This half term our Value is 'Caring'. The following children have received the Award,



Name	Class
Gemma	Holly
Millie	Chestnut
Mason S.	Chestnut
Luke A.	Willow
Ewa	Rowan
Max P.	Holly
James C.	Willow
Kayden D.	Acorn
Annika A	Elm
Austin W	Rowan
Ama	Maple
Ellie H.	Maple
Leah D.	Elm
Alexander	Acorn

they will have their name displayed on our Values Apple Tree in school and will have taken home a special certificate. Congratulations to them all. Children are also able to collect 'Super Learner' certificates which are awarded to children each day by their class teacher.

We are continuing with the merit system, children will be given merits for extra special work. They can collect certificates for collecting 10, 20 and 30 merits as well as contributing to their House totals.

## Year Group News and Learning

We will be sending year group news and information on learning in a separate letter.

## Activate to Motivate

Children are now preparing themselves for afternoon learning through exercise. Activate to Motivate Pupil leaders take the children through a cycle of warming up, exercise and cooling down before they line up to go back into school.



## Central Bedfordshire Mobile ANPR Parking Enforcement Van

In response to concerns about dangerous and disruptive parking near schools, Central Bedfordshire Council has purchased a new mobile enforcement vehicle which has been equipped with Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) equipment which will allow a Penalty Charge Notice to be issued for vehicles that park on yellow lines.

The vehicle will operate by collecting the registration numbers of vehicles parked on restrictions and will process this information to create Penalty Charge Notices. Initially the ANPR van will be used to deal with motorists who continue to ignore parking regulations on school keep clear markings, yellow lines and pedestrian crossings outside the school gates.

## Improvements to School Building

There are a number of improvements we are hoping to carry out over the year. Whilst some can be carried out during the school holidays there are other longer term projects that will need to extend into term time.

At all times our top priority will be children's safety and this may mean some changes to routines, although we will keep these to a minimum.

We will let you know when work is to begin, this term we are expecting to start the refurbishment of the school kitchen and some repair work to the school roof. The second of these will include scaffolding around the school.



## Diary Dates

Date	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Governors Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Baptist Church Visit
7 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Coffee Morning 9.00am
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Jeans for Genes day
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest 10.10am
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Forum 6pm
12 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair
13 <sup>th</sup> October	PSA AGM 3.40pm
14 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Reading Event 9.00am
17 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evenings
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 visit to Priory Middle School
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 4 visit to Priory Middle School
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Golden Apple Awards 2.30pm
<b>24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half term</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET day
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Children back to school</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Individual photographs
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Holly Class Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Elm Class Assembly
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Governors Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Concert
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Concert
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at Methodist Church
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2012	INSET
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Spring Term starts for children</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Governors Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Term starts for children</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Governors meeting
<b>4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Summer term starts</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Book Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Governors meeting
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>

**Reply Slips**

**Music lessons**

I would like my child ..... Class..... to have instrumental lessons on the

Violin - Yes/No

Recorder – Yes/No

Other (please state preferred instrument) .....

Signed .....

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**School Meals**

Child ..... Class.....

My child is generally enjoying cooked school meals. Yes / No

My child has enough that they like to eat each day. Yes / No

My child would prefer .....

I would like to make the following comments about current school meals.



