

29th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Staff have been very pleased to meet with you this week for the Foundation Stage introductory workshop, which was very well attended or for the English and Maths workshops for years 1 and 2. Documentation and guidance booklets have been sent home if you were unable to make the workshops and staff will be pleased to clarify and support you if you require any individual guidance or clarification. Consistent and positive support at home is proven to provide great benefits for children so we are so pleased to see you engage so positively with the programmes offered by school.

Parental support in the classroom and on school trips

If you have a spare afternoon or morning, can I please ask you to think about volunteering in school. We are looking for parents/grandparents who might be interested in supporting our reading programmes, working in play situations, carrying out practical maths activities, supporting art projects and a list of other activities too long to mention. Please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Hill directly for further details of what is involved. Thank you

Activities in school

Last week the children all made and sampled either apple tarts, apple crumble or apple cake using the apples from the school allotment. Much fun was had in preparing and weighing the ingredients, safely chopping the apples and mixing all the ingredients together. It was great to see every child taking part.

This week we have enjoyed **European Languages Day** and **Poetry Day** and we will soon be enjoying our Sporting Day on Friday. Please see if you can find a sponsor or two for the sporting sponsorship form.

This week the school photographer was on site and I was so pleased to see the children looking smart in their uniform with lovely smiles. If you want to purchase your child's photograph, please follow the instructions on the form, enclose the correct money and send it to school by October 6th at the latest.

Harvest donations

Please consider sending in tins, packets and preserved food that can be donated to our Harvest cause this year – The Plymouth Food Bank. Donations are arriving slowly so grateful thanks to all those families that have already contributed. Please have a search in your cupboards or add a few extra items to your shopping bag **if** you are in a position to do so.

Have a lovely weekend whatever the weather!