



Dear Parents/Carers

I was extremely proud to be Head Teacher of our lovely school this weekend when I saw the number of people who attended the open evening and day for our sesquicentenary (150th anniversary) We estimate that over 500 people attended, including staff and pupils past and present and family and community members. The warmth expressed by so many there towards our school was lovely to see and hear.

I would like to thank all staff, family and community members who helped make these open days possible through the hours they gave to this project. A special thank you must go to Mrs Swinbank who was 'chief organiser' and did this to her usual exceptionally high standards. I know this is something she has been working on for months and has spend many hours of her own time making arrangements, sorting our photos, refreshments and contacting people.

Best wishes  
Mrs H Sutherland

**After School Club on Wednesday cancelled this week**

Due to parents evening we have to cancel Storytime Club this Wednesday (14th October) It will start again next week.

**Vegetables for our soup share**

Please send in donations of vegetables for Wednesday so we can chop them to make soup for our annual Harvest soup share. We are also looking for any family members who could come into school on Wednesday morning to help chop the vegetables with our children. Not a particularly glamorous job, I know, but it is one we really appreciate! If you are available to help, please see Mrs Swinbank at the gate. She usually finds it helpful if you can bring a knife and chopping board as we don't have many in school.

**Celebration Assembly**

A huge 'well done' to the following pupils who were rewarded in our Celebration Assembly last Friday.  
Keep up the good work!

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| <b>Christian Values:</b> | <b>Andrew T</b>   |
| <b>Good Attitude:</b>    | <b>Rhiannon G</b> |
| <b>Good Manners:</b>     | <b>Ruby W</b>     |
| <b>Good Learning:</b>    | <b>Octavia G</b>  |
| <b>Wow Words:</b>        | <b>Lexie J</b>    |
| <b>Reading:</b>          | <b>Millie T</b>   |
| <b>Head Teacher:</b>     | <b>Riley L</b>    |
| <b>Golden Ticket:</b>    | <b>Rhys L</b>     |



### Reminders of diary dates!

**Wednesday 14th October, from 9.00am — parent/family members invited into school to help chop vegetables for our soup share.**

**Thursday 15th October at our school  
9.00am—Harvest Festival Service led by our children  
Soup Share—2.15pm**

**We welcome two residents from Lyons Court to our Celebration Assembly this Friday (16th October) I know it's not polite to speak about people's ages but I'm sure they'll forgive us as we say we think they are the oldest ex pupils from our school still living locally (I say 'think' as are happy to be proven wrong if you know otherwise!) We look forward to welcoming them to our school.**

### Reminder about a vacancy for a parent governor

The term of office of one of our parent governors has come to an end so we have a vacancy. Our governors work with school leaders to help make decisions about school priorities and developments. If you are interested in becoming a parent representative on our governing body please see Mrs Robinson in our office for a form. If you would like to find out more about the role of school governor, please make an appointment to meet with me and I can explain more and answer any questions you might have. ***Anyone interested in this should complete and return a form to school by Friday 16th October.***

### Reminder about payments for trips

If you haven't already paid for school trips coming soon (Beamish and Robinwood) please send the money into school as soon as possible. Please see Mrs Robinson or our Parent Support Adviser, Rachel Stevens, if you would like to pay in instalments.

All parents/carers will be soon be receiving a letter about our updated policy on taking photographs/videos at school events. This was discussed at our recent governors meeting.

If you haven't already done so, please return appointment slips for Parents Evening as soon as possible so teachers can make arrangements and confirm the time you have been given. Thank you!

### Autumn/Winter School Lunch Menus

Could all lunch menus please be returned to school by this Friday, 16 October. Thank you.