Dear Parents
Friday 21st October 2016

Our grand total from last week’s retiring collection at the Harvest Festival was an astonishing £500.15. The charity that will benefit all year from your kind generosity is MERU, a small charity based in Epsom that make electric wheelchairs called BUGZIs and who adapt equipment for disabled children and young adults. Thank you all for your contributions. We will keep you informed as to how the money collected will be spent. Can I also say a special thank you to Mrs Sturges who played the piano for our Year 2 song during Harvest Festival and made a wonderful job of it.

Piers Gilbert from MERU came in on Tuesday to talk to the children, introduce them to a motorised BUGZI and show them footage of delighted children who have never been able to travel unaided and now have a simply operated BUGZI of their own. It made us all appreciate the simple gift of being able to walk.

The School Council then set off by minibus to the MERU factory so that the children could see first-hand how these clever machines are made and think about imaginative ways of fundraising to offer further help. We would like to say a special thank you to the kind staff of Kingswood House School for lending us their minibus and taking us there and back so generously.

As part of their sporting curriculum Year 2 enjoyed a fixture at Ewell Castle with a focus on cardiosport and team work skills. Outstanding sports awards were given to Joe C, Robyn C and Louis G. Bravo!

On Wednesday Year 2 visited a factory of a different kind; the world famous Poppy Factory in Richmond. The children had an interesting presentation about World War 1 and the beginning of the poppy tradition and then made poppies and wreaths alongside disabled servicemen and women.

On Thursday Ziyah O delighted us all by playing a piano solo in Assembly and earning a smart certificate. She played Mary had a Little Lamb beautifully, well done Ziyah.

Librarians Lauren M and Elliot M assisted Mrs Serrano run the weekly Library Raffle and this is again proving to be a very popular initiative.

This week’s Lunchtime Superstar is Fenton F for his consistently outstanding manners! Well done Fenton.

Congratulations to Donaldson House who have won the Housepoint challenge this week with a splendid total of 721 Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Work of the Week
In Mars Class we have been exploring the outside area during our Woodland Adventures sessions. We talked about the season of Autumn and enjoyed discussing the things we can see. The children drew some of the changes and wrote words using their letters and sounds. Emma S has drawn some lovely autumn items and written hedgehog all by herself.
Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Harvest Festival was a huge success! We are so proud of all the children in Nursery and Pre-Reception for singing their hearts out. This week has been another busy one. We have been singing lots of nursery rhymes in preparation for our Pre-Reception assembly on Friday. The children have made up some actions and been filmed making the linking parts, so watch the screen for their film debut. We challenged the children to build dens at the beginning of the week which we thoroughly enjoyed but due to soggy boxes it has now become an assault course, allowing a work-out for our gross motor skills.

We have had a few birthdays this week and, in Nursery tradition, the birthday children made a cake for us all to share. This week’s choice was a rainbow cake and was enjoyed by all.

Reception News

Our Grand Finale for this term’s topic was a magic show. We had to say ABRACADABRA and find our magic dust to help Magic Marty to do his tricks. The children laughed and marvelled for an hour as he cut a toy animal into 3 pieces and then put him back again, put a lolly inside a balloon without popping it, made a picture come alive and lots more.

We have also been ‘shopping’ for conkers learning to use real 1 penny coins. We made the sounds of Autumn with our lovely shakers. We are great story tellers too but we want to surprise you with our story telling skills when you come to our assemblies next term.

The Foundation Stage Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

HALF TERM

Monday 24th October to Friday 4th November

Winter Uniform to be worn by all children after half term. Please remember that the winter uniform for all boys includes their smart tie with a long sleeved shirt and long grey winter socks with a and yellow stripe at the top.

Tuesday 8th November 8.30 – 9.00am – Sharing Our Learning for Reception, Year1 and Year 2 - All parents invited to come in to school and share their child’s work.

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November – Parents/Teacher Appointments for all year groups.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL ONLY BE EXTERNAL CLUBS ON WEDNESDAY 9TH AND ONLY EXTERNAL CLUBS, ITALIAN CLUB, ORCHESTRA AND VIOLIN CLUBS ON THURSDAY 10TH.

Friday 11th November 9am – MARS Class Assembly - All parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

Poppies for Remembrance Day will be on sale at school after Half term


This week’s Happiness Hamsters

This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and we have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils: Jack B and Sophia M.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FAYRE

In aid of Queen Elizabeth’s Foundation for Disabled People

On Thursday 27th October 1 – 4pm – Over 50 wonderful stalls