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Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another activity-packed school year. It has already been a very busy, but very enjoyable, half term. The children are now all settled in their new classes, and there is a calm, purposeful working atmosphere around school. We are now well into our curriculum learning, particularly our history topics, which the children are thoroughly enjoying. Many classes have already had visits or trips to enhance their learning, whilst others have exciting opportunities coming up later this term.

Please read on to see some of our highlights so far this year.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher evenings at the beginning of term. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for teachers to share information about the curriculum and the exciting events planned throughout the year.

Year 5 Maya Curriculum Afternoon

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating curriculum morning exploring the Ancient Maya civilisation. The children were visited by Dr Diane Davies, who is the only Maya archaeologist in the country. The Otters had a wonderful morning examining Maya artefacts and learning more about this civilisation. The experience brought their learning to life and will support their learning throughout the rest of the topic.

Year 4 Sports Afternoon at Repton Prep

Back in September our year 4 children had a fantastic afternoon at Repton Prep School, taking part in a range of sporting activities. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event. We are grateful to Repton Prep for providing such an enjoyable opportunity and for inspiring our children to challenge themselves and develop their sporting skills.

Year 2 Victorian Workshop

Year 2 stepped back in time during their Victorian Workshop Afternoon. The children were visited by Miss Grimm, a Victorian school teacher. Through hands-on activities and role play, they experienced what school life and daily living may have been like during the Victorian era. The children's enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to immerse themselves in the experience made the afternoon a great success.

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Year 5 Harvest Experience at St Wystan's Church

At the beginning of October, the Otters were invited to St Wystan's Church to take part in a Harvest Experience Afternoon. The children enjoyed a range of craft activities and workshops linked to Harvest and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. As always, we were very proud of their behaviour as they represented RPS in the community.

Year 4 Visit to Tamworth Castle

Earlier this month, our Falcons class visited Tamworth Castle to enhance their learning about the Anglo-Saxons. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit and benefited from a fantastic hands-on learning experience. The trip brought their history learning to life as pupils explored the castle, handled historical artefacts and discovered more about life in medieval times. Staff were extremely proud of the children's knowledge, thoughtful questions and fabulous behaviour throughout the day.

School Council Supports the Royal British Legion

Members of our School Council recently visited the Repton British Legion to help assemble and fill poppy boxes in preparation for this year's Poppy Appeal. This was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to contribute to their local community whilst learning about the importance of remembrance. Once again, the children were excellent role models when representing the school.

Eco Council at the Brailsford Ploughing Match

Our Eco Council recently attended the Brailsford Ploughing Match, where they learned more about agriculture, sustainability and the important role farming plays within our local area. The children represented the school brilliantly and gained valuable insights into the importance of farming and rural life.

First Aid Training for Year 2 and Year 6

Both Year 2 and Year 6 pupils recently participated in first aid training. These sessions equipped the children with valuable life skills and helped them develop confidence in knowing how to respond in an emergency. The children listened carefully, participated enthusiastically and gained important knowledge that could prove invaluable in the future.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening last week. These meetings provide an important opportunity for home and school to work together to support children's learning and development. We appreciate the positive conversations and ongoing partnership that help us achieve the very best outcomes for our pupils.

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PTFA Pumpkin Event

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising another fantastic Pumpkin Event. The pumpkins all looked amazing, and it is always a very difficult task to choose the winners each year. Well done to those children who received prizes, and an equally big well done to everyone who took part. Everyone received a treat for taking part and every pumpkin was fantastic! We have raised £313.00 so far. If you haven't already paid your £1 for your pumpkin entry, you can still do so.

Harvest Festival at St Wystan's Church

Our Harvest Festival at St Wystan's Church was another special occasion this term and a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community. The children sang beautifully the readings by the year 6 children were loud and clear. Thank you to our families for your generous Harvest donations, which were delivered to the South Derbyshire Food Bank in Swadlincote by Mrs Riley and two of our Year 6 School Councillors and a big thank you also to St Wystan's Church for hosting us once again.

Reception Open Afternoon

Our Reception Open Afternoon for prospective parents will take place on Tuesday 3rd November. This event is for parents whose child will be starting Reception in September 2027 and is not intended for current Reception parents.

We are offering two sessions, at 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Parents will receive a presentation in the hall about our Reception provision before having the opportunity to visit the classroom and see the learning environment.

If you have a child due to start school next September, or know someone who does, please spread the word and encourage them to come along. Further information can be found on our website, and places can be reserved using the following link:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mezVATmYzS

Mid-Day Supervisor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies within our Mid-Day Supervisor team. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone looking to work with children for a few hours each day as part of our friendly and supportive staff team. If you are interested in finding out more, or know anyone who might be interested, please contact the school office.

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Mobile Phones

We have recently seen an increase in the number of children bringing mobile phones to school. Please only send your child with a phone if it is absolutely necessary. All phones must be switched off and handed into the school office upon arrival. Phones should be signed in at the start of the day and signed out again when collected at the end of the day. Whilst phones will be stored safely in the office, school cannot take responsibility for ensuring that children collect the correct device when leaving.

Driving on School Grounds

If you have special permission to drive onto the school grounds, please ensure that you adhere to the 4mph speed limit. This speed limit is intentionally low to ensure the safety of all children, families and staff using the site. Please do not drive onto the school grounds between 8.35am and 9.00am or between 3.15pm and 3.35pm, as these are particularly busy periods when many families are walking along the drive.

If you are dropping off for Breakfast Club, please also be mindful of staff arriving at work. Where possible, please park on Springfield Road and walk up the drive.

Upcoming dates

Please see below for some key dates for your diary:

- Friday 23rd October – Break up for half term
- Monday 2nd November – INSET Day
- Tuesday 3rd November – Children return to school
- Tuesday 3rd November – Reception Open Afternoon / Evening
- Thursday 5th November – PTFA Firework Evening
- Friday 6th November – Puffins' Trip to Conkers
- Thursday 12th November – New Year 3 Open Evening (for children joining the school in Year 3 in September 2027)
- Friday 13th November – Children in Need Day
- Monday 16th November – Anti-Bullying Week
- Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day (to support Anti-Bullying Week)
- Tuesday 24th November – EYFS Great Fire of London Drama Workshop
- Wednesday 2nd December – Otters' Trip to Beaumanor Hall
- Friday 4th December – Robins' Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 9th December – KS1 Christmas Performance (for Year 2 parents)
- Thursday 10th December – KS1 Christmas Performance (for Year 1 parents)
- Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 11th December – Book Bus Visit
- Monday 14th December – Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party afternoon

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- Tuesday 15th December - EYFS, Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party afternoon
- Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 17th December – 10.00am Christmas Carol Service at St Wystan's Church (Whole School)
- Thursday 17th December – Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party afternoon

We hope you all have a lovely half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back after the holiday. Enjoy the rest and thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Riley
Acting Headteacher