



WISE UP

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Heads Up

- **Menu Change**
Monday Week 3 is a permanent change to Jacket Potato

Key Dates

- **Special Mention Assembly**
Friday at 2.30 pm
- **School closes**
next Friday (20 Oct) for half term.
Reopens Monday 30 Oct

Thought of the Week

'You must give to get, you must sow the seed before you can reap the harvest'

Scott Reed

It's been a busy two weeks at Hambleton with our first sporting fixtures, Young Leaders going into action and a fantastic turnout to our **Harvest Celebrations**.



We were delighted by how well all of the children spoke, sung, acted and supported each other at Harvest, and by the diverse ways in which the classes interpreted their chosen bible stories! We hope the children will have gained greatly in confidence from presenting entertainment including hopping monkeys, songs from musicals, drama, poems and prayer. Our thanks to Reverend Burr for helping us reflect on an important occasion. Our scarecrows will now be transported to St Mary's church for the **Harvest Festival Service at 11am this Sunday (15th October)** where Reverend Burr will present certificates for the winning scarecrows.



Our event for senior citizens of the village which followed was well-attended and our visitors were delighted by the enthusiasm and impressive repertoire of our Vibrant Voices ('VV') Choir led by Mrs Parkin. Our thanks to the Friends of Hambleton School Group and to Mrs Harpham's Fair Trade Team who served tea and biscuits to our visitors.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Hockey Heroes

Sophie, Seth, Harvey, Honey, Jessica and Danny attended a Hockey Tournament at Selby High School this week. Mrs Merry reports that the children collaborated together brilliantly to win two matches, draw two and lose one, placing them in third place overall. Our thanks to Mrs Merry for taking them and Mr Cinar for training them for the tournament.

Book Cover Winners

To coincide with our Book Fair, Miss Clay (our English Leader) this year organised a 'design a book cover and blurb' competition. Thank you for your support with this, we were delighted with the quality of drawing and writing across the school. Above are winning entries from Amelia, Freddie, Isabella, Max and Bethan. Well done to them and many thanks to Miss Clay for organising the competition.

Green and Gold Letters

After consulting with teachers, parents and children, I have decided not to continue with the Green and Gold letters tradition this year. Whilst a number of parents were very positive about the impact of the letters, an equal number were concerned by the negative effect the letters had on their children. I understand that self-esteem plays an enormous part in children's learning and I am concerned that the negative impact of a large proportion of children not receiving gold letters (or not receiving letters at all) may outweigh the benefits for the small number who do get them. As a school we aim not to label and compare our children but to support them all individually from their different starting points. I will explain this to all of the children next week. We will continue to praise and reward the children with Wise Owls, Team Points, verbal praise, marking in books and Governors Awards. If you would like any further clarification on this area then please do come and talk to me.

New Caretaker

We welcome a new caretaker – Mr Liddell – who has already been working hard to brighten up and tidy up our school environment. He's pruned bushes, repaired the decking outside Miss Clay's class, power-hosed the slabs outside the entrance and built us a smart new planter for the front entrance.

And finally...

We've been delighted by the level of parent/carer attendance at our recent Special Mention Assemblies and you are warmly welcome to attend the last of the half term at **2.30pm on Friday 20 October**. If we don't see you then, we wish you a relaxed and enjoyable half term break.

Disco – TONIGHT

KS1 (Little Owls, Elf Owls & Barn Owls) – 5.45 pm – 6.45 pm

KS2 (Tawny Owls, Snowy Owls & Eagle Owls) – 6.45 pm – 8 pm

Cost is £2.50 for entrance, drink & biscuit. This is paid on the door on the night.

Children may also bring a small amount of money as there will be a tuck shop.

The school disco is a great social event for the children and also raises valuable funds from which all pupils benefit.

Young Leaders – Hair Cut

As part of his Young Leaders Award, Finn Braybrooke is having his hair cut by a professional hairdresser. He will be donating his hair to the 'Little Princess Trust'. This is a charity providing real hair wigs, free of charge, to children suffering hair loss. If you would like to come and support Finn, then it is taking place next Friday 20 October) after Special Mention Assembly at 3 pm.

Bags2School

Another collection has been organised will take place on Thursday. Bags to fill have been sent home today, in anticipation of summer clearouts! Therefore please save all unwanted/second hand adults and childrens' clothes, paired shoes, handbags, ties, belts, hats and soft toys. Please note that **Bag2School do not accept** bedding, towels or curtains nowadays. The more the bags weigh, the more Bag2School will pay! **Bags can be delivered to school on Wednesday 18 October or before 9am on Thursday 19 October.** Please do not bring in before these dates as storage is a problem. THANK YOU.

Headlice

Further to our message two weeks ago, there are still incidences of headlice in school. We would appreciate it if you could check your child's hair, as you should do on a regular basis. If you need any guidance in the detection and treatment of headlice you can contact the School Nurse on 01609 798434. Thank you.

Samaritan's Purse – Shoebox Appeal

Information will be sent home after half term regarding the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We thought that it would be helpful to forewarn parents so that items may be collected during the half term holidays.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

From 3 pm on Monday, sheets will be available in the entrance porch for all parents to sign up to attend the Parent/Teacher consultations. The consultations take place on Wednesday 1 November & Tuesday 7 November.

Christmas Craft Fair – Date for your Diary

On Saturday 18 November 12 to 4 pm, FOHS are organising a Christmas Craft Fair in the school. There will be stalls, refreshments (including Pie & Pea lunch), visits to Santa, tombola plus much more. Tombola prizes can be left in the entrance porch and cakes can be brought to school Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Young Leaders – Money Raised

Very well done to Vincent Binks, Finn Braybrooke, Adam Styrin & Leo Wright who recently took part in a walk at Temple Newsam for the Alzheimer's Society as part of their Young Leaders' Award. They raised the amazing amount of £598.99. Brilliant achievement!