Governors AGM

We held our annual governors AGM on Tuesday morning which was to be followed by a parents forum. During the session Matt Piper, chair of our Governors, shared the school's priorities for the year. These include reading and increasing pupil attendance. There are a number of initiatives going on in school to develop children’s reading skills and their love of literature, you will come across some of these throughout the year in the form of Bed Time stories sessions, Book Clubs and a change to the reading curriculum in class. Our newly refurbished library has been a real help in getting children interested in choosing books. One of our other priorities is attendance. As I said in a previous newsletter, every day missed of school is a chance to learn missed. The government expectation is that a child with ‘Good’ attendance would have 96% attendance. As an Outstanding school, we are expected to have an even higher attendance level and are aiming for 97.5% attendance. Have a look on the back of the newsletter to see how we are doing so far.

Other discussions included RE in school and the fact that as a Church of England School we are inspected by SIAMS (the Church schools inspection team) as well as OFSTED. This year SIAMS have changed the way they inspect schools and we are working to ensure that we can remain an excellent school in their eyes, in line with the new framework.

Collection from school

After half term, all children in Years 1 to 6 will be brought out to the playground at the end of the school day. One of the reasons for this change in procedure is so that we have a greater knowledge of who is in the school building at any given time. It is very difficult to monitor which families are in the building outside of school hours, which is a concern in case of any emergency or need to evacuate. If you are meeting a member of staff either before or after school, we ask that you sign in at the office and you will be given a visitors lanyard which can be returned as you leave.

Secondary School Application Deadline...

The deadline for secondary school applications for current Y6 children is at midnight on 31st October. If you have not already completed your applications, we suggest that you might like to do so well in advance of the deadline in case of any difficulties or internet issues.

Harvest Festival

A big thank you to all families who donated to our Harvest collection. The first Love Foundation will be taking all of your gifts to their warehouse over half-term for distribution to families and individuals in Tower Hamlets in need of support at this time.

During our service we heard from Emily at the First Love Foundation and found out a bit more about how the organisation helps people. Members of our school council will be visiting the organisation after the half term break.

Children and staff were in great voice for our service on Wednesday. We sang many of our favourite songs and children read out prayers. Thank your to the parents who were able to come along and join us.
Attendance Update

How good is the attendance in your child’s class? See below for the attendance details for each class between September and now:

Explorers: 96.3%
Discoverers: 93.1%
Investigators: 91.8%
Inventors: 96.1%
Class 1: 97.4%
Class 2C: 95.1%
Class 2I: 96%
Class 3: 99% ✓
Class 4: 96.6%
Class 5: 96.4%
Class 6: 95.8%

On return from half-term, we will be selling poppies for Remembrance Day and the 100th anniversary of WW1. They will be on sale in the playground before school and available at the office in the entrance to the main school and the Children’s Centre.

Our Art club have been creating their own poppies that we will put up on the railings around school to commemorate the WW1 centenary.

Parent teacher meetings will take place after half-term. If you have not already booked your meeting slot, please do so via https://sirjohnncassprimary.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/ If you have any problems with the system, please speak to Claire in the office.