

# Mears Ashby School News

## Monday 30th September



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#### Start of Term:

It has been a very positive start of the year for all our pupils. The children are now well settled into their new classes and I have enjoyed getting to know all of them. I am very much looking forward to seeing lots of you at church with us on 17th October for Harvest Festival. Please remember, as the weather changes, that all pupils need a waterproof coat in school every day (we still go outside in the rain!).

Mrs Crofts

#### Elms -

Elms have learnt so much already about animals. They have begun to design a habitat for an imaginary animal and soon they will be bringing the habitat to life in a shoe box.

#### Sycamores -

Sycamores have been working hard completing lots of exciting science experiments and fair tests.

Oaks - For the past two Thursday afternoons we have been fortunate to benefit from the artistic knowledge and talent of Mrs Kegg (Edward's mother). Taking the theme 'Day of the Dead' (a major celebration in Mexico, out topic) Oaks have created clay masks, painted them and then designed head-dresses to adorn them. They have also produced animated sequences using the masks. Fantastic fun was had by all and we are very grateful to Mrs Kegg for sparing us the time and expertise.

#### Shoe Box Appeal

We have decided to support the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal again this year. As part of our school vision we want all children to be able to live life in all its fullness, and are teaching our pupils to recognise that those in more difficult circumstances may need help to enjoy things that they may take for granted. If you could support by donating small items for a shoebox (or a shoebox itself, or some wrapping paper) Please see attached flyer.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

### ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

**please note the expected attendance is 96%**

CLASS	Presents	Author-ised Absences	Unauthor-ised Absences	Possi-ble	% At-tend
ELMS	222	0	0	228	97.4
SYCAMORES	839	27	6	874	96.0
OAKS	1139	28	45	1254	91.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2356</b>	<b>93.9</b>

#### TT Rock Stars

We are delighted to be launching TT Rockstars, an APP-based learning tool for times tables facts. Learning times tables can be one of the most important thing your child can do to improve their maths. The children should now have their login. Have a go with them at home! [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)

#### School Photographs & Family Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 22nd October to take individual photos of your child or children as well as sibling photographs. Family photos with other siblings that do not attend the school can also be taken at the end of the day from 3pm.

Please put your name down at the office if you like to come in at 3pm with a younger brother or sister for a photograph. Thank you.

#### Data Collection Forms:

The other week we sent home your child's data collection forms for checking and amending any details to allow for the school to keep our records up to date. It is important we have three separate individual contacts and their phone numbers in case of emergencies. Please return to the school office as soon as possible, thank you.

Harvest Festival: This year's Harvest Festival will take place in the church on Thursday 17th October from 9.30am. Ahead of the service we are looking for donations for the Daylight Centre to help them provide their Food Bank service. A detailed letter is attached.

#### Macmillan Coffee and Cake Afternoon

Thank you to everyone for supporting this year's Macmillan coffee afternoon organised and run by our Year 6s.

I think you will agree with me when I say it was another huge success and the total raised so far is £149.60 from donations and the sale of cakes and refreshments. A massive thank you to you all.

#### Dates for the Diary:

*ABM Special Themed Menu* - Thursday 3rd October

*Harvest Festival* - Thursday 17th October at 9.30am at Church

*School Photographs (Individual portraits)* - Tuesday 22nd October at 1.30pm.

*Open Day for Prospective Parents* -

Friday 18th October pm, Tours 1pm, 2pm and 2.45pm.

*Celebration Assemblies*—Friday 25th October & 20th December at 2pm (No after school club on 20th December)

*Last Day of Term* - Friday 25th October

*Return to School* - Monday 4th November

*Open morning for prospective Reception Parents* -

Tuesday 5th November - Tours at 9am, 10am and 11am.

*Whole School Ice Skating Trip* - Wednesday 4th December at 2pm at Beckworth Emporium.

*KS1 Nativity* - Monday 9th December 2.30pm & Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am

*Whole School Pantomime Trip* - Tuesday 17th December –AM  
*Christingle Service* - Wednesday 18th December at 2pm.

## September Birthdays

Callum, Poppy & Samuel

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#### **Residential Pioneer Centre - Years 5 & 6**

Please can we remind you that the deposit for the trip is due by this Friday, 4th October. Thank you

#### **Car Parking**

Please remember to be considerate when parking near the school at drop off and pick up times. Please do not park on the pavements, on road junctions or blocking any access to residents' drives. Thank you.

#### **Breakfast Club & After School Club Bookings**

Please can you ensure that any Breakfast Club or After School Club is booked in advance and by the 9.30am on the Friday before.

We have decided to have a cut-off point again for booking to allow us to know who and how many we are expecting for the next week.

We can also then plan the sessions with those children in mind.

Anyone wishing to book after the cut off time are asked to ring the office to get booked in. Thank you.

#### **Vacancies**

We are currently have vacancies for a Teaching Assistant and a teacher in the mornings.

Please visit our website or the Teach Northamptonshire website for more details.

#### **Open Days**

We have two open day events coming up in October and November for prospective Reception parents.

The first of the two days takes place on Friday 18th October with tours at 1pm, 2pm and 2.45pm. Then the second of the days is on Tuesday 5th November in the morning from 9am. Tours will take place at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Parents are being asked to book their time slot by calling the school office on (1604) 810063.

#### **Trading Cards**

Please can you make sure your child is not bringing in trading cards of any variety in school please and in particular the Sainsbury's Disney cards.

We do however encourage the children bringing the Tokyo 2020 Sports stickers in from Aldi as we are currently collecting them as a school. Thank you.