



### EVENTS IN SCHOOL



**Grandparents Day** – On Thursday this week we had our harvest festival party for the grandparents and elderly in the community, where children and their grandparents had tea in the lower hall. This was an event with the Community Centre and there was also a stall for Bubble and Squeak produce.

**Black History celebrations** – On Tuesday and Wednesday we had storytellers and dancers working with children in all the classes. Both days were a success and we finished with a performance in the afternoon. Parents had the chance to shine as well!

### READING AT HOME MEETING FOR PAENTS – 13 OCTOBER

We will repeat the Reading at Home workshop on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm. Please attend this, particularly if you have children in Key Stage 1, although it will be helpful to all parents, older or younger. We will give you some ideas on when and what to read at home. We will also support with questions you can ask as you read and for opportunities to listen to stories.

The Royal College of Music are running a free music workshop for families at the Community Centre this Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 3.45pm. This is a great opportunity to introduce your child to instruments and song writing. You will then be given free tickets to a concert at the Royal Albert Hall for participating and the chance to qualify for discounted music lessons. Please see Lydia for more information.

### MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

We raised £304.16 from the cake sale last week. Many thanks to everyone who donated and prepared cakes for the event.

### SCHOOLWORK

It is important that the children feel proud of their achievements and celebrate what they have learnt in class over the week. In school Friday is our day when we look back at the week and enjoy what the children have achieved. We begin the afternoon with our sharing assembly in which children from the Reception classes to Year 6 share one part of their week's learning with the rest of the school. It is different children sharing different things, perhaps a piece of writing or IPC work, some homework, art or maths. The pride on their faces when they receive their clap is a joy. It also develops the children's presentation and speaking skills in front of a large audience. After this we have the Celebration Tea when children who have done very, very good work come to the lower hall for a chat and refreshments with Mr. Brown. Any child can come to this and it is another way we reward children who have achieved well across the week.

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**11<sup>th</sup> October** – Hazel class visiting the Royal Albert Hall for the junior proms

**17<sup>th</sup> October** – the school council visits City Hall to learn about democracy

**18<sup>th</sup> October** – the governing body meets for the first time this year

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 have a Design and Technology day

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – Key stage 2 classes have an introduction to the reptiles

#### **PUNCTUALITY - REMINDER**

School begins at 8.55am. The gate in the Key Stage 2 playground now closes at 8.55am. Please make sure your child is at school before this time. The Key Stage 1 gate will remain open until 9.00am.