Ardeley St Lawrence C of E Primary School

**Newsletter**

13th September 2019

Dear Parents

**Good news…**

Well done to these children who have made a wonderful start to the year and have earnt their first merit certificate:

RED: Owen, Chloe, Jack W

Our congratulations also to Saphi and Taya who have been selected to appear in a production of Annie at the Gordon Craig Theatre.

**Funding help…**

Please find attached a letter regarding applying for the Pupil Premium. Last year we had a great uptake on people applying and it made a HUGE difference to our school budget. Please do apply – it only takes a few minutes but is vital to the school.

Thursday 3 October is our annual Census day. School dinners are counted on this day and also form part of our funding. In order to have as many children as possible having school dinners on this day we will be having a special census day menu. Once again please support us in ordering a school dinner for your child on this day.

Please remember the FAS (PTA) AGM is on Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm at the White Lion in Walkern. Everyone is welcome. If you have any suggestions, ideas or information and are unable to attend please let the FAS know.

**Charity appeals…**

Harvest is approaching fast – on Monday 23 September we will be holding our usual service at the church at 9.20am. Please do join us! We would be appreciative of donations of fresh fruit and vegetables and tinned or packet food (please check ‘use by’ dates). The fresh produce is sold later in the Village Hall and all proceeds go to the Bishop’s Appeal. This year the appeal is supporting the provision of solar panels to bring electricity to rural Tanzania. The canned and packet food we collect goes to The Haven in Stevenage.

We will be running the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal again this year. We would be delighted to have completed shoe boxes sent in but are also more than happy to accept donations of items suitable to put in a shoebox. We can then make up some shoeboxes at school with these items. We cannot accept sweets, playing cards, toy guns or anything with a battery. The deadline for this is Thursday 24 October. Thank you for your generosity.

**Traffic speed…**

We have had notification from Hertfordshire County Council that they will be **enforcing a** **30pmh** **speed limit** on the roads into Ardeley, Cottered and Cromer. Please drive safely and considerately.

**Homework and reading…**

Most classes will now start to have (or may have already started receiving) homework. Remember it our school expectation that ALL children read 5 times a week. Please sign the Reading record or planner to show that this has been done at home. I cannot stress enough the difference it makes to your child’s progress if they read regularly at home. We are still offering an incentive of 5 minutes extra play on a Friday to all children who read 5 times a week.

**Finally…**

WISEPAY is fully up and running for you to register. Please ensure you do register as this will be **our main method of communication** with you. The office will re-send the link for you to use.

With kind regards

Mrs Connolly

 **Autumn Diary Dates** 

Monday 23September Harvest Service

Friday 27 September FAS Cake Sale

Thursday 3 October Census day lunch

Monday 14 October School Photos

Friday 18 October FAS Film Friday

Tuesday 22 October Parent Consultations

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Thursday 24 October Shoebox donation deadline

Friday 25 October INSET day

FURTHER DATES ARE ON THE WEBSITE