



# NEWSLETTER



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The children have all settled back into school brilliantly and there is so much fabulous learning going on in every class. Thank you for your on-going support at home. The reading pledge, reading challenges and Year 1 and 2 homework challenges are being well supported and it is lovely to see the pride in the children's faces when they receive praise and rewards. Mrs Meek's **Phonics and Reading workshops** held yesterday have also attracted several parents- thank you to her for putting these on and I am sure they have been found to be useful. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or require any further support with phonics and reading. Below is some information about the Sumdog Maths website log-in that your child has received. **Writing and Maths workshops** will be coming up soon and I do urge you to attend- these sessions are designed to be practical, informative and we aim to keep them to under an hour.



## Sumdog Maths games



If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 you should have seen their log-in details for this fun website that aims to develop mental maths skills at your child's pace. Go to [www.sumdog.com/user/sign\\_in](http://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in) and log in using your child's username and password for them to access mental maths games. The games are appealing to children and the site also allows them to design their own avatar and Sumdog 'house'. They compete safely against other pupils playing online (pupils are only identified by first name and not linked to the school / location) but the great thing about the site is that success is measured in how many questions they get correct and the questions are adjusted according to their performance. Therefore it is crucial that you do **not** complete games for your child as the software will then assume their understanding and move them onto harder questions. If your child does make a mistake the software knows to simplify the questions to ensure they succeed. From time to time Sumdog have week-long 'contests' where pupils from different schools can accumulate their scores to see which class and school are daily or weekly winners. We will notify you when these contests are taking place.

If your child hasn't yet tried Sumdog please encourage them to have a go. Please note a Sumdog app is available to run on tablets. If you need a reminder of your child's log in please see their teacher.

Reception parents- your child will receive their log-in at an appropriate point for them.

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To keep up-to-date with news and events.



For safety's sake please ensure your children are supervised outside school before the start of the day and also do not use the playground equipment. The same applies after school. Thank you.



# Harvest



On **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** we will be holding our **Year 1 and Year 2 harvest celebration** at Everyday Champions Church, St Johns Street, Wellingborough, at 2pm. Parents are warmly invited to join us. Once again we would like to support the work of the **Daylight Centre in Wellingborough** with our food collection. The following items would be welcomed donations:

## Non-perishable foodstuffs including:

- Anything that comes in a can or jar.
- Everything a home cook has in their cupboard such as custard powder and gravy granules or salt and pepper.
- All basic staple foodstuffs such as rice and sugar or tea and coffee.
- Anything that's good for a family with young children such as cereals and squash for food parcels for families.
- Everything that you might choose to eat if you didn't have access to cooking facilities such as biscuits and instant noodles or anything in a ring-pull can.
- Bottled water and high energy drinks.

**Please could all food donations be brought into school between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.** Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

*Reception classes have their own harvest celebration organised for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for which you will receive separate information.*



# FOTAS

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## THE GREAT AVENUE BAKE OFF



Are you a budding Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood...or just enjoy cake? Join us for a Bake Off event on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm.

Look out for details following soon.

## Headlice alert

We have had one or two cases of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair carefully and treat if you see signs of eggs or lice.

Please look out for Lexi Van Geffen's school cardigan. It is named with an 'Attach-a-tag' (see example below) on the label inside.



## DON'T FORGET.... PHOTOGRAPH DAY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

Younger siblings can be brought into school from 8.50am through the hall door. We will organise siblings from Park Junior if indicated on your form.

*Finally.... The children have settled in well to their new classes and are showing great perseverance in their work. The new routines of their new class can be a challenge at first but they are managing well. Thank you for your continuing support. Best wishes to you all from all the Avenue staff*