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Welcome back after our very rainy summer break; I hope you managed to have a busy and rewarding time. The new starters in Class 1 have settled into school so quickly and are very happy as are the other new children in school.

We are now busily working on curricular projects that we will be taking to our twin school in Madrid. The 28 children who will be visiting CEIP Cantos Altos in Collado Villalba are getting very excited.

Teacher's planning for the term can be found on the school website.

Thanks to the PTA we have some fabulous new indoor PE equipment.

Please remember that if you have any worries or concerns about school issues, however small, please come in and discuss them or catch one of us in the playground. We will always listen.

Sharon Deackes

Harvest Festival

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Harvest celebration in St Mary's Church on Friday 14 September at 11.00 am.



Birthday Books



Don't forget, you may like to celebrate your child's birthday by presenting a book to their class. We put a

special sticker inside the book so everyone knows who donated it. We have lists of suitable books in the office.

As agreed in our School Travel Plan cars must not be driven into the school car-park. Please park safely on Brook Street and walk up The Nook to school.

This is for the safety of your child and all their friends in school

Class Welcome

We would like to invite you to a 'Welcome Talk' in your child's class next week. Teachers will explain how the class is structured and what is being planned for the year. You will have an opportunity to ask questions. The Class 1 session is based around helping your child with their reading. We hope as many of you will be able to attend as possible.

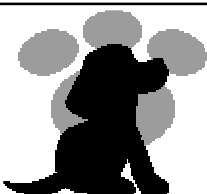
Class 1	Monday 10 Sept	3.30pm
Class 4	Tuesday 11 Sept	3.30pm
Class 3	Tuesday 11 Sept	4.00pm
Class 2	Weds 12 Sept	3.30pm



Theme Week



Our theme week this term is European Awareness and will take place the week beginning Monday 17 September. During that week we hope to sample foods etc. so may well be asking for food contributions. If any of you have contacts with supermarkets who may be willing to support us please let me know.



Doggy poo!

Unfortunately on Monday morning Ms Deackes had the rather unpleasant task of clearing up dog poo outside Class 4. May we remind you that dogs are not allowed on school premises. If you see anyone walking their dog on school grounds please let us know.

As foxes don't read our newsletter they sometimes leave us little presents on the playground which we clear up. Obviously in these circumstances this is unavoidable.

Ros Wilson Training

As you know we always strive to improve our teaching to raise standards in pupil attainment. To this end all teachers will be attending a Training Day entitled 'Raising Standards in Children's Writing' led by Ros Wilson who is an expert in this field. I was a participant on this course a couple of years ago and found it to be inspirational. We have implemented some aspects in to the curriculum and have seen immediate impact in the children's writing. The thinking behind all staff attending will ensure that we have a whole school approach to the methods used. Classes will be covered as follows:

Class 1	Miss Sarah Howkins
Class 2	Mr David Seddon
Class 3	Ms Eloise Brookes
Class 4	Ms Sharon Deackes

School Profile

The 2005/6 School Profile is on line. This document replaces the Annual Governors Report to parents. The Profile may be accessed at:

<http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/8553104/school-profile/>

Invitation:

PTA AGM

The PTA Committee would like to welcome everyone to the AGM on Monday 10 September at 6.30pm. Our PTA work very hard to provide those extra special pieces of equipment for our children. We would love to see new and existing parents. Don't be shy; we are a very welcoming bunch!!!

Term Diary

Fri 14 September	Harvest	11.00am
Mon 1 Oct - Fri 5 Oct	Trip to Madrid	
Mon 8 Oct-Tues 9 Oct	Class 2 Residential to Beaumanor	
Fri 12 Oct	Blue Note Bistro	7.30pm
Tues 16 Oct	School Photographs	
	Parent Consultations	3.30 - 5.30 pm
Wed 17 Oct	Parent Consultations	3.30 - 7.30 pm

Half Term Friday 19 Oct - Sunday 28 Oct inclusive

Mon 26 Nov	Book Fair Week	
Thurs 29 Nov	Young Voices Concert (Sheffield)	
Tues 4 Dec	Christmas Performance	7.00pm
Wed 5 Dec	Christmas Performance	7.00pm
Fri 14 Dec	KS1 Nativity	2.00pm
Wed 19 Dec	Carol Service in Church	2.00pm
Thurs 20 Dec	School 'Christmas Day'	

End of Term

School trips

Many thanks to the parents in Classes 3 and 4 who responded to our questionnaire regarding residential trips for this year. Out of a possible 55 we received 42 responses. The results are as follows:

Request for 2 separate trips	30
Joint Y3 & Y4 trip	8
No more residentials this year	4

As a result we will be organising a Class 4 trip to Kingswood Activity Centre in Norfolk in June details of which will be sent within the next week. We will also be organising a shorter trip to either York or Stratford for Class 3 also during the summer term.

Once again thank you for your prompt response; your opinions are always valued.