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Dear Families,

Our Harvest Festival service was beautiful. We were joined by several parents, grandparents and friends of the school. Thank you for coming to our collective worship. We are looking forward to being able to have more opportunities to get together.

Our community art projects are underway. Children have been learning about the artist Hannah Dunnett, looking at her art work and exploring the bible verse themes. They have been learning about colour theory and processes and techniques such as colour mixing and wax relief. Over the next few weeks they will be designing and making their banners.

We will be making our starlings after the half term break. We will be inviting you in to make the community/family banner, starlings, stone cairns and Tree of Hopes.

We would like to introduce to you, our new pet guinea pigs:

Bubbles, Squeak, Cookie, Coco, Snowflake and Snow



## Autumn Term Dates

**25th – 29th October**

Half term

**W/C 22nd November**

Lantern Making

**27th November TBC**

Tiverton Lantern Parade

**29th November**

Theatre Alibi

**W/C 29th November**

Assessment Week

**8th December**

Nativity 9.30am

**W/C 12th December**

Autumn Snapshot Reports out

**15th December**

Christmas Lunch

**17th December**

Last day of term

## Little Angels

This week the children have been learning about Harvest, generating discussions about healthy eating, and being blessed to receive the food we have



Class 2 had a scary visitor this week! The children were very brave and asked her lots of questions to find out how and why she became such a villain.



## Loose parts resources

We are in need of some resources:

- pallets
- guttering
- lengths of wood
- Thermalite breeze blocks
- rope
- wheels
- kitchen sink
- belfast sink
- Etc

If you have items, you are able to donate to school, this would be fab. Thank you. Please make sure they are usable, safe and not broken.

Miss Horrell and the children wanted to share with you some of the exciting open ended learning opportunities which they have made in their classrooms. Here they have made a small world enchanted forest and a shop.





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## PTFA

The AGM and general meeting was held on 28th September, thanks to all who attended. We welcomed Cee and Emma.

Thank you to everyone for your support in what was a difficult fundraising year last year, together as a school community we have still kept this going and managed to support our school, from purchasing books, to visits from science and theatre companies along with welcome packs for our new class R and gift packs during lockdown with the school teddy.

### Dates for your diaries;

Monday 18th October Cake sale after school (venue to be confirmed), if you can help or donate anything please let us know.

October half term will see the pumpkin trail return on the common! This was a great event last year and we can't wait to see what pumpkin creations will arrive this time. More details will be sent out soon.

We are planning what the Christmas events could look like, so watch this space!

After half term, in each of our classes, we will be learning a word of the week. Each Friday the word that each class has learnt that week will be on the newsletter. Please spend some time talking to your child/children about the word. Can they explain what it means? Can they use it in a sentence? (Verbally and written). Do they know similar words to it (synonyms) or opposite meanings (antonym). Can they spell it?

### Next Weeks Clubs :

#### Monday

Football Club lunchtime

Homework Club 3.30 - 4pm

#### Tuesday

French Club 3.30 - 4.-15pm

#### Thursday

Multisport Club 3.30 - 4.30pm

#### Friday

Gymnastic Club 3.30 - 4.30pm