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For every child a chance to shine



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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Harvest Festival:**

Last week the worship group children made a Harvest sheaf with Reverend Kirsty. The children made a beautiful bread image of corn, bound with a plait, complete with a tiny harvest mouse. The corn represents the harvest provided by God's world. The mouse reminds us that we share this world and its resources with other creatures. The plait represents being held together by God's love.

The children were wonderful both in their performances and as an audience. A film of the recorder group will be available on the website. Choir and class films cannot be posted for safeguarding reasons.



**Harvest food collection:**

Thank you all for your kind donations. Mrs Betley has been in touch with Buntingford Food Support for the food to be collected today and distributed.

**Teaching and Learning:**

Monday's harvest practice in music showed the children's enthusiasm and musicality. Some children took on percussive accompaniments to songs showing great rhythm. Our younger children were undaunted by performing for others and all the children were great at learning so many lyrics. A special congratulations to the choir and recorder groups.

**FOLS:** A reminder that FOLS are organising a disco after school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> for Layston children from 4-6pm.

**Black History Month:**

As October is Black History Month, Miss Kelly has booked an African Dance Workshop for Friday 20.10.23 to support our celebration of Black History.

**Parents' Consultations:**

Parent consultations are scheduled for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm-6:30pm. Please arrive at the school office entrance just before your allotted time so that we avoid overcrowding in the hall. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Sickness:**

Please remember if your child is sick or has diarrhoea they must remain off school for 48hours. This is to stop the spread of bugs and protect both children and staff.

Best wishes

*Adele McMurrrough*

Headteacher

