

Our Value this half term is **Friendship**

Autumn 2

30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## **Harvest**

Please don't forget that we will be going to church to celebrate Harvest on Wednesday 2nd October. The service will start at 9.30– you are all very welcome to join us for the occasion. Some Year 6 children will be reading. Our new Rector Sarah Walsh will be leading the service and I'm sure you will want to join in with the singing. We will be supporting the Waveney Foodbank again, so please remember to send in donations with your children on the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> for them to take over to the church. Many thanks.

## **Christmas Song Squad - An Opportunity for Young Singers**

The Musical Director at Dickleburgh Church, Francis Coomber, is seeking keen young singers, aged 7 years and upwards, to join a Christmas Song Squad. Assisted by Sylvia, his wife, he aims to help them learn Carols and Nativity based songs which they will sing at the Village Carol Service on Sunday, 22 December, and at the Crib Service on the afternoon of Christmas Eve.

The Christmas Song Squad will practise each Wednesday for 7 weeks, commencing on 6 November, meeting in the Church Rooms, 4.30 pm – 5.15 pm. There is no charge for your child to join; the only necessity is a reasonable reading ability.

If your child is interested, and for further information, please contact Francis or Sylvia on 01379 643010 or e-mail [fsdc2019@btinternet.com](mailto:fsdc2019@btinternet.com)

## **Parking**

So, I thought we'd got on top of the parking in the summer term, but I have been inundated with emails from parents and residents again about the inconsiderate way that some of our parents are parking on Rectory Road, Harvey Lane and in the Village Centre Car Park. I am asked all the time what I am going to do about it. There is actually not a lot I can do, other than continually nag in my newsletters. And that hasn't worked! This is a council issue, but I have decided to bring it up at our next Governors' meeting. The staff and I are considering the possibility of collecting children from parents at the gate in the mornings, which, as well as hopefully keeping cars moving, it would address a safeguarding and Health and Safety concern we have had for a while about adults walking in and around school for 15 mins every morning.



This year, we will be slightly changing the way we award children for their mentions in the Golden Book. With the Friday Celebration Assemblies being held every 3 weeks, it makes it harder for pupils to achieve their bronze and silver leaves, so from now on they will need 2 mentions for bronze, 4 mentions for silver and 6 mentions for gold. Each class also has a mini Golden Book for mentions to be recorded in between their class celebration assembly. If you see one of our pupils demonstrating any of our values, please do let one of the teachers know, we welcome mentions from all the school community.



We are always trying to think of ways to help our environment, so we have decided to invest in some compost bins to help feed the many flower beds and planters that we now have around the school. We will always encourage our pupils to eat all of their fruit, vegetables and salad at break and lunchtime, but if they don't, we want to put the unfinished and unused fruit and vegetables to good use rather than binning them, which we have to do as we can't reuse them. Year 6 House Captains will help Mrs Harris gather the fruit and we will separate the vegetables from other food waste over lunchtime.

### Attendance

I have had many requests already from parents for term time holidays. Please remember that I will only authorise these if your child's attendance is normally above average. The Government's expectation is that a child's attendance should not drop below 96%. At Dickleburgh we believe that below 95% would be a cause for concern. Attendance concerns will be reported to the Governors and I will write to you to invite you in to discuss any issues you may be having. Please bear the following in mind,



*M Croskell*  
Headteacher

The whole school attendance figure for the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> September was **98%**  
The whole school attendance figure for last week, the 23<sup>rd</sup> September was **96.5%**