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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **AUTUMN FAIR THANK YOU!!**

What a wonderful day we had yesterday! It was very well-attended - another successful PTA event and an opportunity to come together as a school community. The setting-up was very efficient with all the willing hands and the stall leaders did a grand job. It was great to see so many of our new families getting involved. Thank you so much for all you do - we are very blessed! Inspired by Saturday, we hope to see you at the PTA AGM and Social on Tuesday September 26th at 8pm in The Crown, Hatfield Road. A reminder too that the deadline for the School Lottery is approaching – please see the Parentmail dated September 15th for details. It could be you!

### **A good week**

The Reception children joined us for their first assembly on Friday and they did us proud! Nursery classes had their first full week and they've been getting to know each other. We have an assembly on Friday mornings for Reception and KS1 pupils and you are welcome to join us.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Sorry for the mud but the Y1 and Y2 trips to Cuffley were worth all the washing! The children had very enjoyable days, learning new skills and team building. Outdoor learning is a key part of our school curriculum. Many of you enjoyed the gardening and outdoor learning activities at the Fair coordinated by Mrs. Betteley. It was only a sample of what we do in Forest School and during 'Green Day' (see [www.ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk/eco-garden](http://www.ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk/eco-garden) for more information). We are planning another Green Day soon and would appreciate volunteers to help with both with the day itself and our school gardening so do please consider joining us.

### **Parent helpers**

We welcome support from parent volunteers. If you can help regularly, we would love for you to come in and hear pupils reading, which develops their confidence and comprehension skills. Parent readers are required to complete a DBS check and attend a meeting before coming into school, so we ask for a weekly/ fortnightly commitment please. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in regular reading on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30 in the library. Please speak to me if you have any questions.

We also have an informal Friday morning 'drop in' story time. Simply bring in a story book to share it with a group of children in your child's class for 10-15 minutes before assembly. Teachers will put up a sign-up sheet on Tuesday (in the main entrance for Y2 classes). Everyone enjoys the experience - no checks needed, just sign up.

Thank you for a lovely Saturday. Have a wonderful Sunday and see you all tomorrow.

Kind regards  
Mrs Dempsey



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