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Dear Families,

Well I'm not sure quite how it happened but we find ourselves at the end of our first half term already! The last seven weeks have whizzed by. School has been a hive of activity and it has been amazing to see all of the beautiful work being produced in each class.

This final week has been particularly busy ...

On Monday, Year 5 and 6 went to Ormskirk High School to watch their production of We Will Rock You. It was a fabulous show and the children and staff that attended all enjoyed it very much. We were also very proud of the excellent behaviour of the class whilst out representing our school. Well done Wise Owls.

On Monday afternoon, our new Sports' Councillors, Orrin and Zoe attended Ormskirk Cricket Club to receive our Gold School Games Mark Certificate. This award shows schools commitment to providing a range of sporting and physical activities throughout the year and promotion of active lifestyles. It is the first time we have achieved the Gold Standard as a school and this is because last year we provided more clubs, extra-curricular activities, inter-school festivals and inter-school competitions than ever before and had a higher take up of participation at clubs than previously, this was mainly due to introducing more lunchtime clubs for pupils to access.

On Wednesday we had a whole school trip to church for our Harvest Experience. It was a lovely morning and the children were as always brilliant! We enjoyed interacting with each station in our mixed groups and it was great to see how our older children look out for those in the younger years. Thanks to church for hosting us and for the drinks and biscuits. Thanks to the volunteers that helped set up, work the stations and walk with the children to school. Finally, a huge thanks to our Ethos Group and Moira from church who

On Thursday, we welcomed families into school for our latest Open Session. We love having you come in for these sessions so that you can spend time seeing what your children have been doing through the half term. I know the children also always look forward to these sessions and taking pride in showing their work off to their grown ups. Thank you to everyone that attended.

And of course we are looking forward to rounding off the half term with our 170th Anniversary celebrations. We look forward to seeing many of you at 2pm on Friday. A huge thank you to everyone that has sent us books off our wish list too. We are overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown from our community. Books donated will all be labelled to show the gift givers name then they will make their way into class libraries after the half term break.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break.

Miss Clark

## Harvest Celebrations at Church



## Sports Partnership Gold Award



We are very pleased to have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark.

Photograph of our two sports councillors meeting Oliver Partington at the West Lancs sports partnership held at Ormskirk CC this week.

## Attendance Matters

What your child's attendance figures mean...

<b>100% attendance</b>	Zero days missed	<b>Excellent!</b>
<b>99% attendance</b>	Two days of absence across the year	<b>Excellent!</b>
<b>97% attendance</b>	Five days of absence across the year	<b>Good</b>
<b>95% attendance</b>	Nine days of absence across the year: one week and four days of learning missed.	<b>Satisfactory</b>
<b>90% attendance</b>	Nineteen days of absence across the year; three weeks and four days of learning missed	<b>Poor</b>
<b>85% attendance</b>	Twenty-eight days of absence across the year: five weeks and three days of learning missed.	<b>Very Poor</b>
<b>80% attendance</b>	Thirty-eight days of absence across the year: seven weeks and 3 days of learning missed.	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<b>75% attendance</b>	<b>Educational Neglect</b> Forty-six days of absence across the year: nine weeks and one day of learning missed.	<b>Unacceptable</b>

Attendance in school this week... **97.3%**

Ladybirds/Butterflies 100%

Busy Bees 96.3%

Eager Beavers 94.3%

Wise Owls 98.9%

Well done to this week's best attenders for the second week running... ladybirds and Butterflies class.

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th October	HALF TERM
Monday 30th October	PTA Spooky Disco 6-7pm Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees 7-8pm Eager Beavers and Wise Owls
Tuesday 31st October	Intrahealth Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 7th November	Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 13th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14th November	Bags 2 School Collection
Thursday 16th November	Open Morning for prospective parents
Monday 20th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 29th November	Visiting athlete leading a sponsored circuits event
Friday 1st December	PTA Christmas Movie Night
Thursday 7th December	Wise Owls' Carol Concert at Christ Church, Aughton
Sunday 10th December	10.30am Nativity at St James' Church, Westhead
Monday 18th December	Eager Beavers and Wise Owls' Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19th December	Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees' Christmas Parties
Thursday 21st December	2.30pm Helpers' Thank You
Friday 22nd December	Break for Christmas at 2pm