



**THIS WEEK**

**RISE Winners**

Well done to all the children who earned a RISE nomination and star this week. Celebration assembly will return next week

**Our busy learning this week:**

- Harvest Festival
- Reading with Mrs Milne and Mrs Stewart
- Funky Fingers activities
- Phonics Bug – s, a, t, p
- Making aliens and rockets
- RE – Being Special: Can you think of a how you could make a new baby feel special?
- Singing with our music scheme Charanga
- PE with Mrs Ballard
- Ice cube investigation – sticky ice
- Making toast
- Playing tennis in the playground
- Making mud paintings during outdoor learning

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Wednesday 9th October – Coffee and Cakes, 3.15 pm, school hall
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Village Hall Café visit - £1 donation please
- Thursday 10th October – Literacy information afternoon, 3.30 pm, school hall
- Friday 18th October – Maths information afternoon, 3.30 pm

**NEXT WEEK**

**Harvest Festival**

We attended our first church service of the year on Monday. The children behaved beautifully and made some great contributions to the Harvest Festival. Thank you to all those parents that attended the service and to those who sent in harvest donations. As Reverend Scott mentioned, these will be sent to Cirencester Foodbank.

**A visit from Louie and Lidia**

A big thank you to the Whitmarsh family and the May family this week. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Oscar's baby brother Louie and Evie's baby sister Lidia on Tuesday afternoon. During this visit we thought about how babies are made to feel special when they are born. The children had a few questions to ask but were far more interested in cuddles!

**Community Readers**

We are currently supported by 2 community readers in school. Mrs Milne comes in to school every Monday and Mrs Stewart every Tuesday. Your children may mention their names as they really enjoyed the opportunity to read with these ladies this week.

**Coffee and Cake**

There is a school Coffee and Cake event being held in the school hall next Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup> October), starting at 3.15pm. This is a great opportunity to meet new parents. All donations will go towards the end of term 2 whole school reward.

**Café visit**

We will be going to the village café on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October in the afternoon – our first visit as Reception class! Please send in a donation of £1 to cover costs for this outing.

**Helping at Home**

We have now started our Phonics Bug program! The children have really engaged with this in school. We have sent home the sounds that the children have learnt this week so that you can practise these at home. Please can you return your child's sound book every Thursday ready for new sounds on a Friday. Sound spotting in books and when out and about are also great reinforcement activities.

We are also starting the day with a morning task. This will be phonic or number based to begin with. If your child is happy to come into school independently, please encourage this as it will mean that they can settle to this task quickly.

Thank you for all your support.

