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We were visited this week by a team from M&M productions who put on a wonderful performance of Jack and the Beanstalk for our Year 3 and Year 4 children.

Parent – Teacher Meetings

Our autumn term Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 20th October (3.30-6.30pm) and Thursday 22nd October (5.00-8.00pm). These are 10 minute appointments and an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, attainment and well-being in school. In the vast majority of cases we find that 10 minutes is a sufficient amount of time for each meeting. If you feel that you need further time, class teachers are always happy to meet with you before or after school by appointment.

Once again we will be using an online booking system which we believe provides parents with greater choice over appointment times (we received lots of positive feedback when we used this last year!). Along with this newsletter, you will receive instructions on how to use this booking system. If you are unable to book online or would like some support with this, please contact the school office and our staff will be happy to help you. If you encountered any difficulties last time around, I would encourage you to contact the office in advance to ensure that we have the correct registration details for you.

Your child's English and Maths books will be sent home on Friday 16th October and should be returned to school on Monday 19th October. Class teachers will be happy to discuss the content of books with you as part of the parent-teacher meetings. (No books will be sent home to Reception parents at this stage).

Scooters and bicycles on the school site



Please be reminded that **children should not be scooting or cycling anywhere on the school site**. This rule is in place to ensure the safety of our children in school and their younger siblings who often visit at the start and end of the day. I would be very grateful for your support in this matter.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 15th October – Talk for Year 6 parents on Residential visit to the Isle of Wight (7pm)

Tuesday 20th October – Parent Teacher Meetings (3.30pm-6.30pm)

Wednesday 21st October 9.30am – Cannon Lane School Open Morning (this is part of the school admissions process and intended for those parents and carers of children starting school in September 2016)

Thursday 22nd October – Parent Teacher Meetings (5.00pm – 8.00pm)

Friday 23rd October – School Photographer (individuals and siblings photographs)

26th-30th October – **Half Term Week**

Monday 2nd November – Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Curriculum Workshops

We will be offering a number of Curriculum Workshops over the course of this year to provide parents with practical ideas for supporting children's learning at home.



This will be an opportunity to hear from the teachers about what children are learning in school and some of the methods that we are using to support the learning process. We will try to vary the content of these sessions and further events are planned for later in the year. Autumn Term workshops are as follows:

Target Audience	Date / Time of Workshop	Title of Workshop
Reception parents	Wednesday 4 th November 2pm-3pm repeated 6.30-7.30pm	Supporting children's reading and phonics
Year 1 and 2 parents	Wednesday 18 th November 1.30pm-3.00pm repeated 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Supporting children's reading and phonics
Year 3 and 4 parents	Wednesday 25 th November * 1.30pm-3.00pm repeated 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Supporting children's reading and writing
Year 5 and 6 parents	Monday 9 th November 1.30pm-3.00pm repeated 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Supporting children's reading and writing

* please note change of date from that published previously on our calendar of events

Hot Meals Update

Overall we are very pleased with the service that our new hot meals provider (Pride Catering) is offering to the school. The quality of the food is good and clear systems are in place for monitoring the service and making improvements where necessary.



Pride will be writing to you (next week hopefully) to provide details of a food tasting session for parents after half term along with the opportunity for you to offer your feedback to their Area Managers. In addition to this, Pride will be meeting children in school to seek their views on the service.

Head Teacher's Coffee and Questions



Once again I'd like to invite parents to join me for 'Coffee and Questions' in the downstairs school hall on Friday 13th November at 2pm. This is an informal meeting when I will provide an update on some of the things that have been taking place in school in recent weeks. This is also a very useful opportunity for me to listen to your feedback; to identify what things you feel we are doing well as a school and to consider some of the ways in which we might move forward in the future.

The intention is to run these sessions on a termly basis so if you are unable to attend this time, there will be plenty more opportunities!

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating 'Harvest' in school during the week commencing 19th October. As part of this, children are invited to bring into school any 'non-perishable' foods such as bags of pasta, tins and packets of food. All of our offerings will be donated to the Harrow Food Bank. We thank you in advance for all contributions which will be gratefully received.

Show Racism the Red Card (Thursday 22nd October)

At Cannon Lane School we are committed to celebrating diversity and racism of any kind is not tolerated. As part of our commitment to standing up against racism, all children (and staff!) are invited to wear red socks (or something red) on Thursday 22nd October. No financial contribution is requested. Further information can be found at: <http://www.theredcard.org/>



Thank you for your continued support.

With very best wishes,

Mr A Phillips
Headteacher