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Dear All,

The nights are drawing in and the weather has certainly got a bite!

This provides a great link to this poem by T E Hulme:

*A touch of cold in the Autumn night—I walked abroad,
And saw the ruddy moon lean over a hedge
Like a red-faced farmer.
I did not stop to speak, but nodded,
And round about were the wistful stars
With white faces like town children.*

We will be looking at poems and discussing poets during the remainder of this first term. National Poetry Day is October 3rd. The theme for this year's national day is 'Truth'. Talk to your child/children about your favourite poetry and poems that you remember from school.

Reading continues to be a priority for our academy and we will again be giving every child from Reception to Year 6 £5 towards buying a book from our Book Fair (14th to 17th October). Books will be on sale at the end of the school day and parents can come in and help their child choose a book from the Book Fair selection. The £5 will be taken off the price of the book. We are hoping that this will encourage children to read at home and to help instill a love for reading.

As always we plan events and experiences to enhance learning and to make sure our curriculum delivers the intentions planned - for all children to learn skills and knowledge of the world around them and be able to apply these to all that they do. We do ask for contributions towards some of these experiences, without support from home they would not go ahead. Please look out for letters coming home that share what is taking place.

As the weather is changing please make sure your child has appropriate clothing in school. We walk to local facilities and we also like to be outside as much as possible. Coats with hoods please.

House Teams will be competing against each other to see which House can bring in the most harvest food to donate to our local food banks. We will be collecting food in on the last two days of this term. We hope that you are able to support this. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

We had an amazing action packed Sports' Week - children participated in a range of sporting activities. They were able to win House points for their House. Remember to send in any medals, trophies or awards to share with your child's class for any sporting achievement. House points will be awarded and it might also count for a section on the PRAISE wheel (Active).

As always we share much of what we do on our Twitter page - please follow us and take a look.

Please keep hearing your child read as many times a week as possible. Teachers will be sharing how well your child is doing at the parent consultation meetings at the end of this term. Please book an appointment once the letter is sent home. Thank you.

Please keep supporting all that we do to make Hazel Leys Academy a place for successful learning and to help children be the best they can be in all that they do.

Mrs Inga Bain (Principal)

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Dates for the Diary

We will be sharing dates in the diary on our website in 'calendar' and also on What's On? We share lots of events and information on our Twitter page. Please follow us.

26th September – European Day of Languages – special lunchtime menu, please book a lunch for your child on this day. Please make sure you have applied to see if you are eligible for free school meals to benefit from free meals at lunchtimes. A huge saving to families each week.

30th September - Year 4 Roman Day

3rd October – National Poetry Day

4th October - Reception 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' at Corby Cube

7th October – 11th October – Arts Week

8th October – Year 1 and 2 trip to Rockingham Castle

14th to 17th October - Book Fair, please come in and buy a book and also use the £5 voucher towards a reading book

15th to 18th October - Parent Consultations, what's going well, attitude, behaviour, on track, targets and attendance will be discussed.

15th October - Butterfly conservation talk—Year 3 and Year 5

22nd October – Individual photos

23rd October - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

25th October - Harvest Award Assembly. Parents of children receiving awards to be invited. House Competition - Harvest collection for local charity. Which House will bring in the most?

25th October Last day of term.

Back to School Tuesday 5th November

Amazing Achievements

We are working towards the Arts Mark Award.

Please come in and look at our amazing displays in the main Reception and in the Hall.

Applying for Meals

Free meals are automatically available to all Key Stage 1 (reception, year 1 and year 2) children under the Universal Infant School Meals Scheme. You can apply for free school meals for older children in full-time education up to the age of 18 if you are in receipt of certain benefits.

Please apply online at: Northants County Council—Free School Meals
or if you require any help or support with your application please email:
freeschoolmeals@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

Improving Vocabulary

Children who are most successful at school have a broad vocabulary and are able to use a range of words in their own communication (written or verbal)

Make conversation a priority. Young children are like sponges, so it's important to immerse them in language right from the start. ...

Read together. ... Use labels. ...

Play word games. ... Use words in sentences. ...

Write for pleasure. ... Create a word wall. ...

Introduce a word of the day. Teach them how to use a dictionary and thesaurus

Don't simplify your language. Children always have a bigger receptive vocabulary than expressive vocabulary: that is, they understand more words than they're able to use. This means that there's no need to oversimplify the way in which you talk to your child.

Top tips from TheSchoolRun - please look at the full article on www.theschoolrun.com