



A message from Mr Bladon:

Thank you to everyone who brought food produce in for this afternoon's **Harvest Festival**. As in previous years, we are sending the donations to CHAT, the Churches Housing Action Team in Tiverton who help those experiencing housing difficulty in Mid Devon. The children and staff are looking forward to performing their new songs for Harvest Festival and have explored the values of kindness and generosity in thinking about who we thank for our food.

You'll notice in the dates column on the right that there's a few Open Days coming up at **Tiverton High School** for both year 5 and 6. Whilst at a Tiverton Community Learning Partnership meeting this week, I was asked to pass on their compliments to last year's year 6 Bampton pupils who have settled into their new classes and school brilliantly! I had no doubts about the many talents that they have to bring to High School life and it's good to hear they are doing so well.

I know parents have been considering the **Y6 London Residential** in January this year. We are able to take deposits for a few more days. As you know we have decided to use a private coach for all travel for this trip this time which does open up some exciting possibilities – one of which might be Harry Potter World on the way home! Do speak to me or the office if you have any queries.

The **PTFA** hold their first meeting of the Academic year next week. It's a great way of raising funds for the school and I hear there's a fair few "socials" as well! Last year the PTFA helped pay for a new pool liner, playground equipment, benches and sports equipment. Every penny counts and the children benefit so much. Some of you have suggested that some meetings are held during school hours. Therefore there will be a "mini-recap" meeting at 9am the following morning and I will be there too. This meeting is different from "**Parent Voice**" which is scheduled for the 11 October, where you can raise any queries you might have about school life or suggest anything that could be beneficial.

Many of the year 3 children are looking forward to the **Cornwall Residential** next week and we wish them a wonderful time. Watch Twitter and the school website for their adventures! We are nearly at 100% success rate on the new School Gateway **School Meal ordering system**. You can see exactly what's on the menu and plan the week's food with your child. Thank you for your patience with it.

Finally, congratulations to **Miss Diggle** who has told us the wonderful news that she is expecting a baby (not a puppy, as some of the Hedgehogs thought). She has been kind enough to let us know in good time, so we have started the process of looking for a temporary replacement teacher to cover her maternity leave later in the year. We will let you know of an appointment once interviews have been held.

Don't forget that Woodland School is in full swing now – so please ensure your child has a rough set of clothes and shoes for those sessions. Mrs Wensley is building up a Welly Library, particularly for KS2, so any donations of outgrown wellies would be gratefully received.

Term Dates (*more dates on [school website](#)*)

Tues 3 October 8.10 Y3 Cornwall Residential departs from Tiverton Rugby Club

Tues 3 October: ALL TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS TO SCHOOL PLEASE!

3.30-4.30: LEGO MASTERS club starts up!

3.45-4.45: Y5&6 5-a-side Football Tournament @THS

6-8pm: Open Evening for Y6

8pm: PTFA meet at 9, Brook Street

Weds 4 Oct 9-9.20am: PTFA mini recap meeting at school

Weds 4-6 Oct 9-11: Y5/6 Open Mornings at THS

Friday 6th October 4pm(ish) Y3 Arrive back at Tiverton Rugby Club from Cornwall Residential

Tues 10 October: Y3&4 girls only Multi Sports Tournament @THS

Weds 11 October 3pm: Parent Voice