

Hazelbury Bryan CP School 2013

Dear Friends,

I must first apologise for not being present tonight, but I had already promised to attend our PTA meeting .

Time flies by so quickly here at Hazelbury. September saw a slightly smaller intake than last year in our Reception Class, but as they were all familiar faces from our Barn Owls Pre-School, they settled in very quickly. We were very pleased that Julia Massey and Danielle Coutts chose to remain with us in our Kestrel Year 1 and 2 Class, whilst their Class teacher was not well and they will stay with us for the rest of the academic year, offering great stability and giving our children a brilliant education. Talking about brilliant education, we were especially proud of our year 6 pupils last year who did so well in their Key Stage 2 assessments. We were sent a letter from Rt Hon David Lawes, Minister of State for Schools, who congratulated us on, '.....the excellent performance in the national Key Stage 2 tests.....The overall percentage of pupils achieving Level 4+ combined with excellent rates of progress in both English and Mathematics, place you amongst the top performing primary schools this year.' A great effort by children, parents and staff.

Brass lessons continued for 6 children who showed promise before Christmas and their performance at Christmas was very good indeed. This year all our year 3 and 4 class the Hawks, are again learning brass and with 31 children playing all together the sound may well be heard as far away as Stoke Wake!

In September of this year, members of the school and community took part in our first Hazelbury Fun Run. This was superbly organised by our chair of the PTA, Sam Forster and it raised more than £1000. This was put towards the purchasing of 2 new interactive whiteboards for Key stage 2. These 'Smart' boards have helped in the delivery of lessons across the curriculum and really helped to engage the children and improve their learning. The Fun Run was such a success due to the fact that we had so many marshals that came from the Hazelbury Bryan local Community and we thank you again for this. Same time next year and we are looking for more participants to run, jog or walk.

We have been very lucky this year to have many parent volunteers to support us in delivering our after school clubs, from Tag Rugby to Cooking, the latter being run entirely by 2 mums. We have also had the pleasure of having outside experts to work alongside our children – FA football coaches, a Street Dance teacher, Dodge Ball specialists- the list goes on.

As always our PTA have raised funds tirelessly and our Christmas Market 'despite the appalling weather was a huge success. Each year we have more and more stallholders with unusual gifts for Christmas and this year one of our classrooms was turned into a café serving delicious soup, mulled wine and cakes. The barbecue was also fired up and we sold out completely of hot dogs and burgers!

Speaking of food, we have this year changed our suppliers of hot school meals to Local Food Links. All their meat, fruit and veg comes from local suppliers and they also make delicious homemade cakes and biscuits for dessert- a real hit.

I would like to end by saying once again a big thanks you for the support you offer this local school. Volunteers are always welcome, so do pop in and visit us.

Many thanks

Julie Sharpe

(Head)