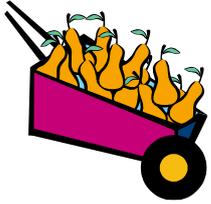




# Bassenthwaite Primary School

## October Newsletter 2017



### Harvest

You are cordially invited to our Harvest Service at St John's church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

The service will take place at 9.15am and will last approximately half an hour.

Please can children bring any produce they wish to offer into school in the morning? We will then take the produce to the church. The Harvest Supper will then take place in the Methodist

Church that evening with proceeds from the children's produce going to our Indian School project. We look forward to seeing as many faces as possible to help our children celebrate Harvest.

### KS2 Visit to Kingswood

May I take this opportunity to inform you that we will be taking the current Year 2 - 5 children to the Kingswood centre in Hexham in October 2018? We will be going for the week, beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. We will be utilising some of sports funding to meet part of the cost of this educational visit. The week is fun packed full of adventurous activities and evening entertainment and all meals are provided. In preparation for this week, we undertake a one night visit a little closer to home for the Year 2 and 3 children at Bassenfell Manor. This will hopefully take place in April 2018. More details for both of these activities will follow in due course.

### Staff Car Park

A polite reminder to parents and visitors not to park in the staff car park or to block the entrance at drop off and pick up times.

### High 5 Netball Tournament

A squad of ten players will be taking part in this tournament to be held at St Herbert's School on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We will contact parents of children who will be involved in this activity via Parentmail with more details very soon. We must receive parental consent for your child to participate.

### Student Teachers

We will soon be welcoming two new students to undertake their beginning placement at Bassenthwaite School. Mr Crossley and Mrs Szfranski will be spending 5 weeks after half term in the junior class.

### Children in Need

This year's Children in Need takes place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We will have a "spotty" non - uniform on the day. As you know, from 15<sup>th</sup> October, round pounds will be going out of circulation. There are still millions to be found, so we are asking you to join the treasure hunt and check your jam jars, money boxes and down the back of the sofa, see how many you can find and bring them into school. This will then all be donated to Children in Need.

### FOBS

As a staff we are extremely grateful for all the fundraising events that FOBS organise in order for us to purchase resources and contribute to educational outings our budget would perhaps not stretch to. We look forward to upcoming events this year. Please get involved with FOBS if you can - the group is an integral tool

to keep our school well oiled and moving forward. Friends of Bassenthwaite School (FOBS) would like to invite all parents to attend a meeting on Thursday 12th October 2017, 6.30pm at Sun Inn, Bassenthwaite.

Topics that we will be discussing are;

1. Arrangements for the annual Halloween party in school
2. Arrangements for the annual children's Christmas party in school
3. Participation in the village Christmas fair
4. Ideas for a big fundraising event sometime in march / April 2018 time.
5. Committee Secretary vacancy (see below for more information)

\*New parents\* FOBS We'd love to hear new ideas and its a great opportunity to meet other parents and find out a bit more about what we do.

FOBS Secretary vacancy;

The main duty is to produce minutes for 3-4 meetings per year. The ability to produce posters and letters is useful but not essential.

For further information please email Laurie at [lauriewood1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lauriewood1@hotmail.co.uk).

Hope to see many of you at the meeting.

Regards

Laurie, Lucy and Yen

### **FOBS ctnd**

Did you know that you can raise money for our school simply by shopping online? By going through the Easyfundraising website you can shop with over 2,700 top retailers and the retailer gives a % of what you spend back to 'Friends of Bassenthwaite School' (FOBS). It won't cost you a penny extra to shop online via Easyfundraising. Retailers registered include Amazon, Tesco, Sainsbury, Ebay, Argos, Next, Debenhams..... Last year FOBS raised £100 through a few parents using Easyfundraising. If we all shopped via this website then this could increase considerably. Money raised by FOBS is used to subsidise school trips and equipment and is an important contribution to the school's finances.

To sign up:

Visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and click on 'support a good cause'

- Type 'Friends of Bassenthwaite School' as the name of the good cause
- Click on 'support this cause' and create an account

To shop online:

- Visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
- Choose a retailer, click through to their website and make a purchase.
- The retailer will give you a cash reward that you can turn into a donation for Bassenthwaite School. Easyfundraising collect this and send it on at no extra cost

Please sign up and support us as you shop!

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### **Year 6 visit to Keswick School**

The year 6 children begin their transition to secondary school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. They have been invited with parents to an open afternoon for in catchment children and will have the opportunity to view Keswick School in action. They will be shown around by current Year 7 and Year 13 pupils.

### **Half Term Holiday**

We finish at 3.20pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for our half term break. We return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and doors will open as usual at 8.45am. As the days will then be colder, please ensure your child brings a coat to school. We go out and enjoy the fresh air in all weathers!