

ADDMORE FEDERATION 'Together we add more' Moreton Say CE Primary School Moreton Say, Market Drayton Shropshire TF9 3RS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well Autumn is well and truly underway. Both schools are buzzing with harvest activities and It's wonderful to hear the children's singing also making that seasonal transition towards songs that are Autumnal and so familiar to me from my own childhood; 'Autumn days when the grass is jewelled' and 'Cauliflowers Fluffy, Cabbages Green' being amongst my particular favourites. It's wonderful to hear! I hope that you are all enjoying the change in season, the beautiful colours and making the most of the lighter evening before they begin to draw in.

There are a number of updates this week, so please take time to read them and as ever get in touch should you have any questions. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend with, hopefully, minimal rain!

# Mrs S Henney Executive Head Teacher

### This week's guest writers.... Moreton Say Book Club!

This week Book Club have been reading the story 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. We then ventured out to the forest to make our own stick people and animals. Once our masterpieces were complete, we set about creating adventure stories for their new characters. Great Fun!



#### **Parents Evening**

Parent's Evening slots will be available to book via School Spider from 6pm this evening (details of how to access School Spider are outlined below). Please note slots are 10 minutes long so should you require more time to discuss your child's progress and achievements, sometimes 10 minutes isn't enough and we recognise this, it will be necessary to make a further appointment at a later date.

At present the intention will be to hold the consultations in person but this will be reviewed nearer the time and should we need to we will conduct consultations via telephone.













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Finally, apologies to all those who received emails this week relating to Parent's Evening–I have been on School Spider Training and my task was to set up several events! On the positive side I think I passed – perhaps not with flying colours but a pass at least also it has highlighted that School Spider is working for many which bodes well! I do apologise though to those of you who experienced any confusion. Details and instructions as to how to book your slots are available below.

### **School Spider**

In the weeks to come we will be using school spider with increasing frequency. As a busy parent it will make tasks such as booking Parent's Evening Appointments, paying for lunches and school trips much smoother, no more finding change, you will be able to pay with your bank card, and ultimately we are hoping it will prove far less time consuming.

In the first instance we will introduce the use of School Spider gradually before moving towards a cashless system by January; this will enable everyone to ensure they have access to School Spider and for us to address any issues before moving fully across.

In the first instance we will be placing this term's Parent Evening Appointments onto School Spider and asking Parents to select appointments at a time convenient to them to meet with their child's teacher.

To ease the process I have had a go myself and by following the instructions below you should be up and running with School Spider in no time!

#### How to access:

- Download School Spider App from App store
- If unsure of detail tap on 'Forgot Password' and enter your email address
- On receipt of the email (check it hasn't gone into your junk mail!) your username will be present and below you will then have the option to update your password.
- Return to the parent login page and re-enter your user name and password

To locate parent area, which is where you will find options to make payments for school trips, purchase school dinners (this facility is not yet active but soon will be) and book Parent's Evening Slots, tap on the three bars at the top on the right hand side of the screen.

Well done!

#### <u>Hygiene</u>

Given the increase in covid cases across Shropshire we will be remaining vigilant in school and ensuring children are washing their hands regularly and encouraging them to observe the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' motto. If we could ask that at home similar procedures are followed. By observing these simple steps we can help to reduce the flow of the virus.













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## **DIARY DATES:**

- Harvest Church Service at St. Margaret's Church, Moreton Say Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2pm
- PTFA Break the Rules Day Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October
- Last day of term Thursday 21st October (PD Day Friday 22nd October Teaching staff only)
- Children return to school Monday 1st November
- Y1 Y6 Cross Country Event at The Grove School Thursday4th November
- Parents Evening 15th & 16th November. Appointments available via School Spider
- BBC Children in Need Day Friday 19th November









