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From the Head

New Website

We are almost ready to launch our exciting new website. Next week a link will appear on our old website allowing you to access the new one, and in addition there will be a special competition for the children to help encourage them to explore the new school site (details will be announced on the launch date).

Our new website will include a special Children's area with both educational and fun games. Furthermore, you will be able to order all new school uniform online (there will also be forms in the School reception area if you do not have access to the web) with items either delivered to home or work within 3 days! There will also be links to several retailers and any purchases made will directly benefit the school, since we receive a percentage of anything you buy. However you won't pay anymore than if you bought online through these retailers elsewhere. The new website also includes an e-Safety area for both children and parents.

In future, weekly Newsletters will be attached to the website for you to download and we will also be asking parents if they would like us to email an electronic copy, rather than a paper copy as this will support our application as an Eco School. The new website should ensure that communication between school and home is even more efficient and effective, especially as it will include a newsflash/tickertape facility for important messages and events. You will be able to subscribe to this using RSS (technical term) – information on this facility will be provided on the new website.

Boy of the Rovers

Congratulations to Jack Powell, one of our Year 3 pupils who has just been signed by Bristol Rovers Football Club! There are many excellent footballers of Jack's age in the UK, but only a tiny percentage of these actually get signed by a professional club. Thus this is a truly fantastic achievement and we are all very excited for Jack, and wish him every success for the future.

School Events & Notices

Pasta Day

Next Thursday, 4th October, we will be having a Pasta Day. The children will have the opportunity to try strange shaped pasta with a variety of sauces. There will be Ravioli Au gratin, Carbonara's etc. To add to the fun we will also be having a "sticker under the plate" so be sure to book your dinner in advance. Please remember school dinners are £1.50. (Chris Keld)

Shoebox Appeal

A huge thanks to those of you who have already brought in boxes and gifts for our Christmas Shoebox Appeal; your donations will be hugely appreciated by those children who receive them. This type of charity event is an essential part of our commitment to the Every Child Matters agenda – teaching the

children the importance of making a 'positive contribution' to society and also fits well with our Lighthouses, especially taking 'pride in being a Church of England School'.

As we only have 3 weeks to fill as many shoeboxes as we can, we would be grateful for any further donations. Last year, we sent 26 boxes to Romania and we are hoping to send many more this year!

Reception: Pens and pencils
Year 1: Shampoo and soap
Year 2: Small toys/games
Year 3: T-shirts (all ages)
Year 4: Hats and gloves (all sizes)
Year 5: Socks (patterned are best!)
Year 6: Notebooks and hairbrushes/combs.

Head Lice Alert!

A new year, a new set of germs!!! Please be aware that there have been reports of head lice already this term. Please check your child/ children and treat as necessary. Thank you ☺

Community/PTA News

PTA "Harvest Hot Dog" Disco

The PTA is hosting a 'Harvest Hot Dog' Disco on Friday 12th October. The KS1 disco starts at 5.30pm through to 7.00 and the KS2 disco begins at 7.30pm and finishes at 9.00am. Tickets will be on sale from Monday, 1st October at a cost of £2.00 and you can buy these from a member of the PTA who will be at the "Buddy Bench" in the playground before and after school - this will save congestion in the school's reception area. Just a reminder that the disco is on **Parents please note that on the evening, all children will have to be signed in and out by an adult.**

Harvest Festival at St James Church

St. James, Mangotsfield (the parish church of Emerson's Green as well as Mangotsfield!) is celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 7th October at 11.00 am with a 45-minute all-age service, followed by refreshments. You are all warmly welcome to attend. The church will be beautifully decorated with flowers. During the service, those present are invited to donate non-perishable gifts to help the homeless and other needy people in inner-city Bristol. Particularly needed are tins of rice pudding, baked beans, ready to eat custard, macaroni cheese, potatoes, spaghetti, sweetcorn, tuna, hotdog sausages, corned beef and cereals. All food has to be within its sell-by date." (Reverend Steve)

With best wishes,

Mark Cripps
Headteacher