'Let us spur one another to acts of love and good deeds.'

Hebrews 10:24

20th October 2023

Dear Exbourne Friends and Families,

It has been a busy and exciting term! Thank you all for making it such a success. Please ask your children what their highlights have been. It might be an event such as the Harvest service or reading at the Burrow, Messy Church or Pick and Mix Club, a book they have read such as The Explorers or The Fox and the Star or a particular lesson such as swimming or maths. I hope they have all enjoyed dressing down today and the bake sale!

This term our Worship theme has been Respect. We have been thinking about how we show respect for others, for our environment and for ourselves. We have heard Bible stories to learn how Jesus showed respect for others and how we can follow his example.

**Black History Month**

October is a month when we particularly focus of the achievements of black women and men from history.  We have been learning about famous people such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Junior, events including The Bristol Bus Boycott and we have found out about sports and music icons. We have also been enjoying some tradition tales about a trickster called Anansi!

**Reception Open Day**

We have an Open Day for families with nursey aged children to visit the school Wednesday 8th November 1.50pm – 4pm. Do you know a family in the area who may want to join us next September? Please let them know!

**We are off to the panto! Oh yes, we are!**

The children will be going to The Queens Theatre in Barnstable to see a pantomime!  Thank you to our PFA who have paid for the theatre tickets! We are asking parents for £5 per child towards the travel costs (the rest coming from our school budget) It will be great fun, oh yes it will!

**Attendance**

Unfortunately, we have had a recent spate of illness and a lot of children away today. I hope they are all well for the holiday, and of course for the return to school! Please remember to make non urgent appointments for after school and holidays where possible, time off for family holidays are not authorised.

Wishing everyone a fabulous half term week,

Tara Penny

Principal