



# Junior

# BMS e-shot

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From Head of Junior School - Nick Yelland

Welcome to the latest edition of news and information from the Junior School. We hope that you are finding this means of communication helpful during your busy lives but don't forget that we are producing hard copy letters on many other issues too.

#### Harvest Festival

Each year we hold a Harvest Festival Assembly Service which this term will be on **Friday 17th October** immediately before the half-term holiday. Children bring gifts of produce, groceries, dry goods etc. which are subsequently donated to local charities including a children's home in Kempston. This year some gifts will also be handed over to local retired people who attend the BMS Drop In Centre on a Friday afternoon.

As ever we would be most grateful for your contribution and look forward to your generosity, credit crunch notwithstanding! Please send in items at your earliest convenience although clearly perishable goods should not arrive until the day of the service or possibly the day before. Parents are more than welcome to attend the service which takes place during the normal assembly slot i.e. 1.45pm – 2.05pm. Please contact the Junior School to advise us of your attendance.

#### Staff Matters

We congratulate Mr Noakes on his appointment as Head of the Junior School at Northampton High School for Girls. He will take up his position from January. We are very sorry to lose him but this is a well-deserved promotion and we wish him every success. As he is leaving part way through a school year we will not be appointing a new Director of Studies until next September in order to give ourselves the widest possible field of applicants. However, arrangements are well in hand to cover Mr Noakes's class and teaching commitments. Further details will be given shortly.

#### Year 6 Visit to Sikh Temple in Bedford

In Humanities Year 6 begin a course on comparative religions. As part of their study of Sikhism they will be visiting the Guru Nanak Temple in Ford End Road, Queen's Park. There will be two visits, both taking place during the afternoon with pupils returning to school by 3.45pm. The dates are:-

**Friday 10th October - 6JT and 6KJ**

**Wednesday 15th October - 6CB and 6TWB**

All pupils should wear school uniform and bring a hat or scarf to cover their heads. It is suggested that girls wear trousers as they will be asked to sit on the floor. If you are able to collect your child from the temple at 3.15pm this would be most helpful. Please write a note in your child's planner by Wednesday 8th October to confirm this.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Thomas at the Junior School.

#### Latest News:

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**Autumn Holiday Activity Courses - Booking now open - [click here](#) for details**

#### Curriculum Information

In the past parents have received curriculum booklets giving them information about the curriculum being followed by their children each year. As part of our continuing drive to reduce paper consumption we have now produced a long and detailed version of the Junior School Curriculum on our website in the downloads section. Please access this at your leisure to keep up to date with your children's learning.

#### Volunteers to hear readers

We would welcome volunteers to hear children read during the School day. Some of the children would clearly benefit from additional opportunities to read aloud to an adult so if you are willing to offer your services please contact the School. Many thanks!

#### Ski Lessons

Beginner Ski lessons will be arranged for all pupils, after half-term, particularly those involved in the School Ski Trips. There are eight places available. Contact Mr Nigel Robinson for further details.

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