



## PARENTS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017

This term has been full of exciting challenges and new opportunities. We have welcomed lots of new pupils and new staff with all the training that involves. It's been very busy! We have enjoyed fresh resources and a whole school creative writing week. You may have seen Granta pupils on Look East last night and I hope that you will find a moment to look at some new elements to our website. Our outside spaces are improving thanks to the generosity of supporters and the Grafton Centre has donated some fantastic new soft play items. The Laughter Specialist funding is continued (hooray) and a new therapy dog has visited school this term. I think that this month is a great opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all our supporters and our volunteers, our regular visiting mums and retired staff, to those who have donated time and money to help keep our school moving forward.

### Harvest

Thank you very much for your generous Harvest donations. We have had a letter from Jimmy's night shelter to say:

*We rely on donations from communities, both local and further afield to simultaneously sustain and improve our services. We are now entering our busiest phase of the year, where we see increased pressure both on the streets of Cambridge and here in Jimmy's. Harvest is an important time of year for Jimmy's, not only for the extreme generosity of all communities but also for the meaning behind the collecting of crops. Practically, the generosity of the donations we receive each Harvest sustains us well into the following year and allows us to channel resources into supporting our guests in other ways, knowing that a healthy, warming meal can be provided straight from the heart of our community.*

### Tesco

We are delighted to let you know that we have been accepted for the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme. Our play area project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during November and December 2017. The project with the highest number of votes will receive up to £4,000, the second project up to £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000. Look out in your local store during this time to see if the Granta School project is one of the 3 being voted for. When you get your blue coin at the till please use it to vote.

### **School Council Elections 2017 - 2018**

Today concludes the elections for the school council and we congratulate the following pupils:

Year 6	Bradley & Jennifer
Sapphire	Adam & Harry
Ruby	Finley & Rabbi
Emerald	Jacob & Katy
Diamond	Ben & Joshua F
Topaz	Gabby & Joshua WB
Homerton	Hayley & Scott
Pembroke	Samsoor & Georgia
Darwin	Emma & Jordan W
Fitzebra	Mia & Martha

### **Half Term**

I don't think you will need much of a reminder from me that next week is half term. I hope you all have a fun Autumn break. Pupils return on Monday 30 October. I know some pupils are counting the days until Christmas already! We have lots more to do first.

Best wishes  
Lucie