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Dear Parents/Carers,

As half term looms I would like to thank you all for ensuring this first half term started very well. Our attendance and punctuality figures are much improved, attainment is strong at the end of Y6 and the school received an award from the Lord Mayor as part of the Schools for Success Programme. Along with five other Tower Hamlets schools we received our award for being in the top 6% of the city for ensuring strong progress from Y2 to Y6.



Our School Development Plan focusses on speech and language development. Researchers Hart and Risley identified a gap of 30 million words between low income and high income families. This meant that some children were starting school at a disadvantage. We are preparing children to be citizens of the future and literacy skills can be linked to poor outcomes in future life.

Low levels of vocabulary are barriers to becoming fluent readers and good speakers. Children need to hear and use new words many times to fully understand them. To support work in school, we would appreciate if parents/guardians discussed new vocabulary in reading books and supported children in completing sentence work from spelling lists. Talking about books is another very successful way of developing vocabulary. We are also encouraging children to speak in full sentences rather than simple yes or no answers.

Website

Our website is being updated. We are trying to make it more accessible and meaningful for parents. Please take a look around it and come back with your comments/suggestions via the office.

<http://www.st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk/>

New Parent Governor

Congratulations to Sara McKeown-Clifford who is your new Parent Governor. The next Full Governing Body Meeting will be held on the 19th November at 5pm.

Harvest Festival

Thank you parents for supporting our Harvest Celebrations. The children enjoyed a very busy day. We will be donating money raised to CAFOD and once all money is donated and counted we will let you know.



Gentle Reminders

No dogs are allowed in the playground even if they are being carried.

No riding on scooters once inside the playground.



Young Shakespeare Visits

Yesterday, Thursday 18th October, the Young Shakespeare Company visited the School. They performed Twelfth Night. Y4-Y6 attended and various children were chosen as main characters. Everyone had a great time and teachers felt it was one of their best performances- must be our talented children.