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Dear Parents,

Half-term already!! What a busy 8 weeks it has been!! I can not stress enough how much I have enjoyed my first half-term here at Ropery Walk and I am proud of all the hard work the children have put into their learning.

Today has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to reap the efforts of the last few months. Mrs Donaldson's class won the 'Poppin Party' prize for the class with the best attendance. This meant that the children spent their morning watching a film and eating popcorn! All classes have enjoyed their Halloween party and fun activities put on throughout the afternoon. It is a joy to see them laugh, dance and enjoy the company of their peers and adults in what has been a spooktacular event. Thanks must go out to our fabulous staff who have helped to shape and run the events of the last few days.

Pumpkins

Our pumpkin competition surpassed my wildest dreams!! What imagination our children have and what creative parents!! It was really tricky to choose winners as all entries were brilliant but in the end, winners were chosen and prizes have been given to the following children for their amazing creations:

Reception – Joey Sugden

Year 4 – Elara Gergley Preda

Year 1 – Leo Sugden

Year4 – Quinn Stephenson

Year 2 – Armani May Humphrey

Year 5 – Alfie Thomas

Year 2 – Billy-Isaac Milburn

Year 6 – Chloe Joyce

Year 3 – Annabelle Herring

Year 6 Aaron Ward

Year 3 – Nora Deehan

All children received a ghost lolly for entering and making this such a fun competition!

Art

In another show of creativity, it has been lovely to share in the efforts of the children in their everyday lessons. Here you can see examples from the year 6 art lesson on Gustav Klimt! The children have managed to match his use of colour, line and composition in art works of their own – well done!



Playground Games

We know that children base their play on what they see. It has been brought to our attention that during breaktimes, children have been choosing to play games such as 'Huggie Wuggy' and 'Squid Games'. We are discouraging this. The Huggie Wuggy character has been mimicked in content created on TikTok and YouTube that features the game characters in unsettling scenarios and similar themes are being played out in games. We would ask that you support us by monitoring what your child is accessing at home so that games are age-appropriate.

Sport

The football teams played league matches against St. Cuthbert's this week with mixed results. The A team lost 3-0 while the B team won 1-0.

Both teams were also involved in Cup Round Robins: the A team scoring 5 points from four matches with a win and two draws while the B team scored three points from four matches with three hard fought draws. Well done everyone.

Supporting our Seaham Community

It was lovely today to receive a letter from Pastor David Taylor who wanted to thank our whole school community for the harvest donations we shared with them. Another example of how, when we work together, our individual acts of kindness can reap much larger positive outcomes for our wider community. Thank you again.



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Thank You:
Ropery Walk Primary School.

On behalf of St Hild and St Helen Christian Fellowship in Dawdon I would like to thank everyone within the school for your generous donation of food for Dawdon Foodbank.

We will distribute this donation to the community through our Foodbank at the Church.

Because of your kindness we can continue to offer help and support to the community of Dawdon and Seaham and surrounding areas to families who need urgent help and assistance and who are often marginalised.

Regards and God Bless.

David Taylor (Pastor).

PLEASE REMEMBER

School starts back on **TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER** for children.

In line with our school policy **NO** earrings are to be worn to school. Should your child come to school with them in, they will be asked to remove them. If they cannot remove them – you will be asked to come and remove them or give permission for them to be removed by a member of staff.

During the first week back, we will start selling our Poppy Appeal merchandise. This year there are slap bands - £1; Reflective poppy clips – 50p; Funky ribbon bracelets – 50p and as always original paper poppies - donation (this year designed to be pin-less for a button hole).