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# The Meppershall Magazine

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the weather gets colder and the evenings draw in we find ourselves rapidly approaching Christmas. We are so proud of our new Acorn class and how well they have settled in - it has been great to welcome new families to our school community. As usual MAPTA continue to come up with new ideas to support new parents to our school. Our 'Tears and Tissues' event was well supported and much more about laughter and meeting new people than tears.

In addition to the above event, MAPTA started the year with their AGM. It was great that so many were able to attend and we look forward to seeing more of you all throughout the year. Remember you do not have to join the committee to help out; there are many events throughout the year where additional helpers are useful. MAPTA raise much needed funds for the school through events such as 'Sweet Treat Friday' and family discos. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for running these events and to all of you for supporting them.

As many of you will be aware school budgets are tighter than ever. We are extremely grateful for any donations we receive from parents. One kind family bought enough pencils for the whole school and offered to replenish when necessary. Another family have bought pencils and glue sticks for their children's classes. In the past we have had generous donations of sport, art and textile resources as well as play equipment for younger children. Thank you for supporting the school in this way.

Our whole school community is so generous in many ways. This term we raised £104.35 for The Bishop of St Albans Project which provides chickens to families in Uganda so that they can become self sufficient and send their children to school. In addition to this we had a table groaning full of food for our harvest festival. All the donations have now been delivered to the Need Project in Stotfold. Thank you everyone for your kind donations.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Jordan Robbins as our newly elected Chair of Governors. His picture and a little of his background can be seen later in the newsletter.

Kind regards,

Margaret Newman  
Head of School

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# Acorns



Acorns visited Rogers Bakery to watch the baker making a harvest loaf. They were then able to knead and shape bread into harvest mice bread rolls using currents for eyes. Afterwards, Mr Rogers delivered their freshly baked bread so that they could enjoy eating it. Acorns also made paper kites and flew them on the playground.

# Also This Term...

## Elms

Elms Class have been learning about the life and work of the amazing Black Artist Alma Thomas, whose work was displayed at the White House! They children learnt about making mosaics and using natural landscapes to inspire their work. The children all worked so hard on their work, developing fine motor skills to produce some beautiful art.

## Willows

Willows have been practising their sketching skills using the work of Singaporean artist Yip Chen Yong. The really focussed on cats which Yip includes in all his street murals.

## Birches

Birches have been studying the Windrush generation. Looking at stories from families who first came to Great Britain after the second world war to solve the employment crisis and exploring Caribbean culture including poems by Benjamin Zephaniah.

## Oaks

Have been exploring the topic Misty Mountains. They have looked at the geographical features of mountains and where the main mountain ranges of the world are using Atlases and Google maps.

Our two oldest pupils laid a wreath at the war memorial at St Mary's church on Remembrance Sunday. We felt very proud to honour the fallen from our village.