



ADULT LEARNING – NEXT COURSES

Our first cohort of parents has 2 weeks before they graduate from SpaG School. Next term, on Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30 will be:

8th & 15th November – Skills for listening to readers: a great way for parents to learn how to use positive reinforcement to help children overcome the challenges they experience in reading. Useful right up to year 6 – and ‘qualifies’ you as a volunteer in school if you want to!

22nd Nov – 13th December – Phonics for parents: An introduction to the basics of teaching reading through phonics and getting those sounds ‘right’. Especially useful for parents of EY and KS1.

We can offer a pushchair crèche for babes in arms!

HARVEST TIME IS HERE AGAIN...

Children are celebrating Harvest in school next week.

If you would like to donate to the Bishop’s Harvest appeal, that can be done directly here:

<https://www.carlislediocese.org.uk/harvestappeal/>

JOTTER APP - SCHOOL CALENDAR

A reminder that the **School Jotter** app gives access to a **school calendar**. This can also be found on the **website**.

Search **School Jotter** in your phone’s app store

Parents Teachers and Friends of Fir Ends (PTFFE)

Photographs for the PTFFE calendar have been taken this week so the printing process will be in time for the end of term.

If interested in placing a business advert in the calendar please contact Mel Armstrong (or ask the office to put you in touch)

THE PTFFE are running two autumn competitions for pupils as a mini-fundraiser next week.

They can enter the **ART COMPETITION** – anything with an autumnal/Halloween theme on A4 paper – or **GUESS THE NUMBER OF SWEETS IN THE JAR**.



Entries are for each competition

COVID - STAY ALERT

1 case advised in school community this week

NHS HOME COVID TESTS

Home Test kits remain available through the school. Simply order via this form and we’ll send them home with your nominated child.

<https://bit.ly/FIR-LFD-ORDER>

HALLOWEEN DRESS REHEARSAL

All Hallows falls at the end of half term this year, so we invite pupils to test their costumes out at school on

Friday 22nd October.

We’ll have some suitably spooky activities planned, as well as a special menu and prizes for creative costumes in each class.



AIR AMBULANCE

Half term is a great opportunity to prune your summer wardrobes to make space for jumpers and big coats!

The next PTFFE Air Ambulance collection is on **Friday 5th November**. More bags are available on request.

PLAYTRAIL FUNDRAISING

Our latest count was an awesome

£1975!

