

Thorner's School Report

Thank you to all parents and those connected with the school who donated so generously to our Harvest Festival collection for local food banks. It was wonderful to see and a credit to the school community that such a large donation was possible.

Alongside this annual collection, the children also treated parents and staff to a superb Harvest Assembly comprising songs, poems as well as a whistlestop history of farming through the ages. The children sang favourites such as Cauliflowers Fluffy and Autumn Days beautifully and thankfully drowned out my scratchy guitar accompaniment. It had been planned to hold the assembly in our Forest School area but sadly the service coincided with the arrival of Storm Amy and we retired to the warmth of LATCH instead. The change of location didn't seem to dim the children's enthusiasm however and they performed brilliantly - especially Litton class who performed Scarecrow's Wedding with a confidence that was lovely to see.

After the assembly and collection, pupils across the school took part in our annual apple pressing sessions, with little ones picking apples from our small orchard and then the older ones helping me press these to create some apple juice for each pupil to try at lunch. It was great to see everyone get to grips with the old press and recognise how much hard work it is to get a reasonable amount of juice for everyone to try!

Once we had had our apple juice each class then loaded one of the 5 scarecrows they had created that week into various staff cars and these were taken to Groves in Bridport for their annual trail and competition. Thank you to Jasmine Miles, a parent here, who helped coordinate the scarecrow entries for us! It was a lovely way to round off Harvest Festival week.

Mike Sitch
Headmaster