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**East Midlands Group Hawk and Owl Trust
Assembly Friday 7th November 2014**



Dear Parents

I am delighted to advise you that Simon Dudhill, who is the chairman of the East Midlands Hawk and Owl Trust, is visiting our school to provide a free and informative assembly for all children from Y1 to Y6 this Friday 7th November 2014. Simon will also visit the Nursery and Reception and will then be providing a workshop for children in Y4 to support their new creative curriculum project.

The Hawk and Owl Trust is a registered charity working for owls and other birds of prey in the wild. They are dedicated to

- conserving owls and other birds of prey in the wild
- increasing knowledge and appreciation of them through
- creation and management of nesting, roosting and feeding habitats
- practical research; wildlife reserves; education centres and outreach projects

By conserving the places where owls and other wild birds of prey nest and feed, they also support many associated species from field voles to skylarks, dragonflies to grass snakes in a whole variety of habitats.

The Hawk and Owl Trust also do practical conservation work such as constructing and erecting nest boxes for barn owls, kestrels, little owls and tawny owls in suitable locations. The group also organises indoor talks or outdoor events at least every other month, in an effort to educate people about the remarkable birds of prey on their doorstep. Key raptors in the area are the red kite and the osprey and the group is delighted to have raised enough money to donate to local projects helping both these birds.

I am sure that the children will benefit greatly from this visit to our school and will enjoy having the opportunity to meet Simon and one of his owls. I am grateful to them for supporting our curriculum in this way. The Hawk and Owl Trust are a registered charity and are able to do their valuable work due to the support of the community. **If you wish to make a small donation to the trust to support their work, please send this in with your child on Friday.**

You can also find out more about the work of this organisation by visiting their website with your child at www.hawkandowl.org.

Kind regards

Carol Hines
Headteacher



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