## Meppershall Church of England Academy

The children have returned from their October halt term break and there is much to look forward to in the coming months.

We were pleased to start November by welcoming a visit from our newly appointed member of Parliament, Alistair Strathern (see photograph). Mr Strathern met with our Executive Head, Caren Earp and Head of School, Margaret Newman to discuss the problems facing our schools at the moment. Having previously worked in education Alistair was really able to focus on what we had to say and understand the complexities of changing from a three tier to a two-tier system.



Remembrance Sunday was marked with members of our School Community representing the school by laying a wreath during the Remembrance Service at St Mary's on Armistice day, remembering and paying tribute to all those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

As part of our partnership with Redbourne School Sports 12 children from KS1 took part in Multi Sports. The team did extremely well, demonstrating coordination, poise and teamwork. Well done to them all. These events give the children access to specialist teachers and opportunities to take part in a wide variety of competitive sports.

We have been busy fundraising for a number of charities including Children In Need Poppy Appeal, raising £104.35 for the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal which is called 'Cracking Poverty' a project in Uganda which gives families three chickens from which they can breed more chickens as well as provide meat and eggs for their family. We also received an excellent response for Harvest donations which raised a fantastic amount of produce for The Need Project

As well as welcoming new children to our school this term, we have had the privilege of showing prospective parents and children around the school. We are proud to say they always comment on the warm welcome given to them by the staff and children. Please do help us by spreading the word if you know anyone who might be looking for a school place. Boosting our numbers of children on our school roll is vital in maximising funding which benefits everyone.

There are lots of exciting events coming up over the next few weeks, especially in the lead up to Christmas including the Shefford light switch on which our PTA will be holding a stall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, so please support the fundraising stall if you can.