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Dear Parents & Carers,

On the first day of October, now seems the right time to talk about Harvest Festival. We have decided to run our Harvest festival without parents this year for a number of reasons. Firstly, we are still currently operating in two bubbles, Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). This is to help keep the school safe and minimise any spread of COVID-19, if cases arise in the school. We are having a small number of visitors in school currently, but feel that having a large amount of parents and carers in one space - singing all together with the children - is not the right choice now. There is also the fact that the children have only had one week with our music teacher Emma, to brush up on their singing skills. We really hope that by Christmas, we will be able to all come together and sing as we used to.

This does not mean that we are not celebrating Harvest, far from it. Please, as always, send in your donations for our local food banks, and we will distribute these at the end of the half term. The following donations would be welcomed; tinned foods, spreads (such as jam or honey), long life milk, diluted juices, dried pasta, cooking sauces, condiments, tea and coffee, rice, cereal and toiletries. You can hand in your donations at the front office, or your children can take them into class with them.

International Day

It seems like a while since we last had International Day, however it is back again this year, on Thursday 21st October. Each class will be looking particularly at art, in all of its many forms, from a specific culture or country. After school on the 21st October, at the end of the day when you collect your children from the playground, we are inviting you to come into the school hall, where we will have a gallery of work for you to admire created by the children. As much as we would love to share foods from all of the cultures the children are looking at, and from some of your own, as we have done in the past, this year, due to current guidelines in the school's risk assessment, we are unable to. We are still welcoming you as parents into school during the day on the 21st, to speak to the children about the countries you are from, and how they differ from or are similar to England. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if this is something you would be interested in doing. The children are also invited to come to school in traditional dress, or the colours of the flag of their family's heritage.





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Flu Vaccinations

You should have all received a letter home this week, advising that flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on Thursday 4th November. If you wish your child to have their vaccine at school, please complete the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Any questions, please do ask at the front office.

Morning Clubs

Just a reminder that we still have places available for our morning sports clubs - on Tuesday morning football, on Friday morning, multi sports. These clubs are for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The clubs start at 8am and finish at 8.45. The children are taken to their classes by the sports coach, where they are supervised to get changed into their school uniforms. If you are interested in booking a place, please contact Edita in the school office.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

