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25th Sept 2020

Harvest

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This year we will be celebrating Harvest but not in the usual way. We will not be going to church but will be holding a celebration via Videolink within school. We will be collecting for Harlow Foodbank. In school the students will see the Foodbank's new video - showing how all donations are sorted and distributed, finding their way to those affected by poverty in Harlow. This video is : https://youtu.be/1dgsgIUJbBs The Foodbank has a bigger job this year. They aim to support all those affected by the Coronavirus this winter. They prefer food donations that can be stored and are grateful for whatever you donate. In particular they are looking for donations of:

- · Long Life Fruit Juice
- · Hot Chocolate
- · Cooking Oil
- · Tinned veg
- · Men's and Ladies' toiletries
- · Biscuits
- · Tinned meals
- · Sponge Pudding

Please could you bring in donations during the week of 5th October and leave them in the allocated class box so we can leave them to quarantine before we can send them.

Parent Consultations

We are aiming to have parent consultations booked through our usual system but to hold them via Videolink. The times will vary from teacher to teacher. Some may be during the school day. We will send more information soon but aim to hold these during the week before half term. Please bear with us as we all get used to this new system.

Churchyard

Please could you ensure that any child who walks through the Churchyard respects the surroundings and stays on the path and does not walk or lean on the gravestones. Thank you.

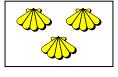
<u>Photos</u>

Tempest photography will be in school on Wednesday 30th to take individual and sibling photos in a Covid safe way. All children and family groups will have a photo taken unless you inform the office that you don't want one taken. There is of course no obligation to buy.

<u>Yr 3 trip - Celtic Harmony</u>

We are excited that we can offer this trip. Please sign up via School Gateway. Thank you to those parents who have already done this.

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Dinner Money

Please remember to pay in advance for school dinners online. Thank you.

Schoolcomms App

Please sign up for this App for ease of communication as this allows us to text you as well as email. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to <u>www.schoolgateway.com/apple</u> (Apple) or <u>www.schoolgateway.com/android</u> (Android)

<u>Mrs Cox</u>

Just to let you know that Mrs Cox is now on her maternity leave and we wish her well. We will let you know as soon as the baby arrives.

Whole school Panto trip

Unfortunately, Hertford Theatre have informed us that they are unable to perform their Panto this year so this trip has been cancelled. They have pencilled us in for 2021!

<u>Dates for the term</u>

30 th September	Individual and sibling school photos
October	Values: Understanding
13 th October	Yr 1 Scooter training
19 th October	Yr 3 Celtic Harmony
26 th Oct - 30 th Oct	Half Term
November	Values: Courage
16 th November	Anti-bullying week
27 th November	Occasional Day
December	Values: Compassion
18 th December	End of term.

New routines

Thank you to all the children (and parents) for adhering and adjusting to the new routines. It works smoothly when parents arrive on time and we get the children to the exits on time. If it rains, as this morning, please do not drop off before 8.25 at the front as they will not be able to go round to their classrooms until 8.30.

Please try to move your car round as far as possible when using the drop and go so that we can get as many cars on site as possible. This will help to avoid problems on the main road. Thank you.

Yours sincerely Mrs M. J. West Headteacher