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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is officially Autumn and the weather seems to know it! Children do enjoy playing out amongst the falling leaves and they don’t even mind the rain we have had. Please ensure children have coats every day, even when the sun is shining on a morning, it be very changeable by lunchtime. It certainly has been a very apt time to start singing our Autumn harvest songs.

**School clothing**

After just a couple of weeks back at school, our lost property box is already overflowing. I would like to remind parents to always name their children’s clothing as this really helps us when returning items back to children. Uniform is really expensive and we do not want parents re purchasing items that could be in a box in school. Thank you.

**School photo day**

Wednesday 24th September is our school photograph day. School staff will organise for all children to have their photo taken individually and also with any siblings in school. Once we receive the samples from the photographer, we will send these home and you can place orders directly with the photographer.

**Headlice**

We have had a number of cases of headlice over the last couple of weeks and would ask that families check their children’s hair really carefully over the next couple of days, watching out for eggs and lice. If you do spot lice, the local pharmacy can offer the solution for free, for children, just pop in and ask. We also have a small number of headlice combs available in school, and are happy to pass these out to families too. Just ask at the office. If families treat children’s hair regularly we can hopefully break the cycle.

**Harvest donations**

We will be holding our church service on Thursday 2nd October at St Andrew’s Church and we look forward to seeing you there. We would be very grateful for any donations of food that will be taken to our local food bank. Tins and dried foods such as pasta and rice are always a good choice but we will accept vegetables and fruit to celebrate harvest time. If you would like to make a food donation, please send any items to school by Friday 26th September so they can be taken to church, ready for our school service.

**Sickness bugs and childhood illness**

We have lots of bugs circulating at the moment, which is typical of this time of year when children are returning to school and socialising again. Please do remember that children must be absent for 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting before they can return. Children should also not attend school if they have a high temperature. Hopefully this will minimise the spread of germs.

**Donations**

School budgets are becoming really tight and, although we have recently purchased new equipment for our school yards, we are now renovating our After School Club outside area and would appreciate any donations of any outdoor toys you may have left after the summer season. This incudes balls, bats, skipping ropes or other play equipment.

Our Year 4 class would also appreciate any donations of fabric for their Design and Technology projects. Old pillow cases, duvet covers, curtains or blankets would all be perfect. They will all be turned into some fantastic creations.

**ParentPay**

All parents/ Carers are issued a ParentPay account to pay for school meals, breakfast club and after school childcare and any extra curricular activities such as discos. Please ensure you have a log in for this and if you have any queries, contact the school office. Please also ensure that accounts are kept up to date and any accumulating debt is cleared on a weekly basis.

**Halloween disco**

Please remember to complete your request to reserve your child a place at the disco. Please do this before the 10th October. An invoice will then be added to Parent Pay and this must be paid in full for children to be able to attend. Thank you.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff on the yard, the office or email teachers directly. We are always happy to help. A reminder of the diary dates are below.

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher

**Diary dates**

Wednesday 24th September- School photo day.

Monday 29th September- Reception open evening- September 2026 starters 5pm

Thursday 2nd October- Harvest service at St. Andrew’s Church 1.15pm

Thursday 23rd October- Y5 reflection visit to church

Thursday 23rd October- Halloween disco in school

Friday 24th October- School Closes for Half Term Holiday