



Dear Parents,

What a lovely, lovely week. Our Harvest Festival was... "one of our best yet." Thanks to those of you who were able to join us; the church was full!! Wonderful to see. Our children sang and performed beautifully and as always I am a very proud Head teacher.



OCTOBER 6th...don't forget!!!

COUNTDOWN: 8 DAYS

**OFFERS TO MAKE CAKES STILL NEEDED
PLEASE**

If you have already offered to bake, please have a word with the organisers to see if there's anything else you could make in addition to what you have already kindly offered to do. Thank you.

Our mini Viking Challenge takes place next Thursday afternoon on our school field. We anticipate a 1.30pm start. Don't forget to send your child to school with their wheels and helmets so that they can take part. If your child cannot ride a bike yet, don't worry, they can push a pram or a wheel barrow or any mobile toy they have with wheels! You are very welcome to come along and support the event... helpers too would be most welcome. Babies may be pushed round the event (real ones and pretend ones!!) and toddlers can participate providing they are well supervised by you and are aware of the dangers of older children cycling round the course; this is essentially an event for our school children but we appreciate that families do enjoy and value the opportunity to get involved.

Harvest Boxes

Thank you so much for your very kind donations towards our Harvest Festival. 39 boxes were taken to Dove Cottage by Callum C, Selena, Hugh and Isaac, who were praised for their politeness and friendliness by the guests and staff.

We will be sending a cheque towards St Peter's Church Restoration Fund for £71.60 which includes money taken during the collection at our service as well as a donation from The Toddler group; any money from the group which was given to the school for use of the hall for their weekly sessions were always shared with the church.

School Dinners

If you think your child may be entitled to a free school dinner, you can contact the School Food Support Team on 0116 3057093/0116 3056588, who will be able to tell you over the telephone if you are eligible.

Endeavour Cup

Congratulations to Rachel, Ned and Oscar all of whom shared the cup last week.

GEM106

This week I have received a wonderful email detailing some very moving nominations for Gem106 Hero campaign. Thank you so much for enabling your children to enter the competition; it has really made our week! You might like to know that Mr Curtis asked if I could send him a copy so that he could show his Mum... arhh! See how much it matters to us? It really does. Thank you. (There's still time if you want to enter.)

Sammy the Hamster's Visit

As you know, next Wednesday Sam and Amy, Dangerous Dave and Sammy the Hamster will be **VISITING OUR SCHOOL** to attend our assembly. They will interview some children for the radio and video us for their website. If you DON'T want your child filmed or recorded, please let us know in writing before Wednesday and we will ensure discrete arrangements are made to make sure that your wishes are carried out. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that you are happy for them to participate. Take a look at what they do on their website; click on School Tour!

As the assembly and activities they have planned for us (including Small Talk!!) will be quite busy and hectic, it will be best if the assembly on this occasion is just for the school... you will get to see all that happens on the GEM website though!

Advanced Notice

Please remember that school will not be open to pupils next Tuesday.

School Photos

Last chance to order by next Thursday. After this date, you need to contact the company direct.

Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme

Letters were sent out last week to all parents for the vaccination planned for Wednesday 2nd October. Please can you return your response a.s.a.p.; if you haven't yet received your letter, please check bookbags. Thank you.

Cross Country

The next cross country event will be held at Prestwold Hall on Saturday 5th October. If you are interested and require further details please contact the school office.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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