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Harvest Festival

Don't forget that this Friday (16th September) we will be attending church to join in with this year's Harvest Festival Celebrations. We are, as its harvest, asking for donations of foods which we will donate to one of our local Food Banks. Father Nicholas will be running the service, where all of our children will be involved in singing hymns, or reciting readings, poems and prayers. If you would like to join us in church for this special Celebration, the service will start at 9.15 and will last for about 45 minutes. All parents, carers, grandparents, family members, friends and Governors are invited to join us...See you there!! Please note that our new Reception children will <u>not</u> be joining us for the service.

The Food Bank website requests donations of the following foods (if you can manage it): Tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tea, instant coffee, jam, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, biscuits or bags of sugar.

Meet the teacher meetings

A reminder that at the beginning of each new school year, we hold a meeting where parents and carers are invited into school to discuss the routines etc. in your child's new class. The meetings are very informal and take place in your child's classroom on Monday 26th September. The times of the meetings are as follows:

Reception Class - 5.45pmYear 1 - 6.00pmYear 2 - 6.15pmYear 3 - 6.30pmYear 4 - 6.45pmYear 5 - 7.00pmYear 6 - 7.15pmSear 6 - 7.15pmYear 6 - 7.15pmYear 6 - 7.15pm

...each session will last for about 15 minutes. We do hope that you can attend!!

Each term our class teachers will also complete a topic letter so you know are aware of what your child / children will be focussing on each term. These came out to you last Friday and will soon be available to view on our website.

Celebration Worship

It was the first Celebration Worship of the school year last Friday...and well done to the children who made it to my bench!! They were:

Year 1	Lucy I and Theo
Year 2	Charlie and Jack
Year 3	Evie
Year 4	Edward
Year 5	Matthew
Year 6	Louis
	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

Our Worship Theme for this Week is... Harvest and Homelessness

Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2017??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1st September 2016?? - then for Lancashire resident families you need to apply for a school place, even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school/academy.

The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:-

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (then click on "Apply for a school place")

This already went live on 1st September 2016. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt for all submitted applications.













Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application. The closing dates for applications for September 2017 are at 11-59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications - 31st October 2016

Primary school applications - 15th January 2017

Attendance Figures

Last week, 154 of our children managed to achieve 100% attendance – they didn't miss one day of school!! The 'best attending classes of the week' were Year 6, Year 5 and Year 2...and the group that have already started in Mrs Warburton's Reception class. They all got 100% attendance!! During the same week three children were late for at least one session of school.

School Dinners

The week beginning 19th September is 'Week 1' of the Lancashire Lunch menu.

Slight changes to week 1's menu: Janet is changing Tuesday's Quorn Meatball Sub to a Cheese Panini and Thursday's Quorn Tortilla Bake to a Tomato Pasta. Additional choices for Key Stage 2 are a Fish Finger Roll on Wednesday and a Chicken Wrap on a Thursday.

Don't forget, as usual, in addition to the advertised meals - the children can choose from 3 sandwiches (ham, cheese or tuna) or can request a jacket potato - just get them to ask when they are having the dinner register 'taken'.

A Message from Sunday Club

The Sunday Club have a plan to create a scrap book style 'memory book' to give to Father Nicholas when he leaves on 30th October. The Club would like to ask the children and their families, past and present, if they would like to provide the Club with a memory or message e.g. photographs, poems or prayers. Contributions can be handed to any member of the Sunday Club team, or emailed to thtsundayschool@gmail.com. For further info, please speak to either Linda or Margaret.

A Message from Mrs Dimmock

The children in Year 2 will soon be studying the Art Work of Kandinsky. To help the children to create Art Work in different genres, Mrs Dimmock would like parents / carers to send in a variety of different coloured and different sized circular tops, from bottles, cartons or tubes. Please make sure that they are clean!!

Data Collections Sheets

Please return data collection sheets to the office no later than Wednesday 14th September so we can update our records.

Thanks for reading ... yours sincerely,

Stephen B. Smith Headteacher

Did you know...

Not so much a 'Did you know...' but it made me laugh!!

1. You're reading this right now. 2. You're realizing that is a stupid fact. 4. You didn't notice I skipped three. 5. You're checking now. 6. You're smiling. 7. You're still reading this even though its stupid. 9. You didn't realize I skipped eight. 10. You're checking again and smiling about how you fell for it again. 11. You're enjoying this. 12. You didn't realize there's only supposed to be ten facts.