

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for all the amazing donations that you sent in for Harvest Festival. The children really enjoyed bringing them in to liturgy and hearing about how they go to people in need. I have taken all the donations to Exmouth Food bank who were really grateful for everything you sent in.

Rowan Class had a lovely week this week. They took part in a Sherbourne session with Mrs Turner, looking at core strength and working in pairs to support each other's movements. They have also been creating Picasso portraits. Sycamore Class really enjoyed measuring their hands this week to see who has the largest and why this might be! Maple Class have been carrying out sieving and filtering experiments and have been making roman numerals using pipe cleaners and other practical equipment.

**Open Door meal vouchers**

I am aware that we have families in our own school community who at times need help. I have meal vouchers for the Open Door centre in town. The voucher provides free meals at the centre for the whole family over October half term. If I haven't already given you a voucher and you need one please come and see me.

**Whats App**

I am aware that many classes and parents have WhatsApp groups set up for school. These can be really useful for parents passing on messages about school and keeping each other updated. These are not in any way run by the school. We only use the school Facebook page. However, I have been made aware that at times these WhatsApp groups are being used to discuss and say things about other people's children and their needs. Please be aware of how hurtful this can be for the parents of the children concerned and how uncomfortable it can make others feel reading messages like that. If you have any concerns about your own child and how they are in school please see the class teacher, SENDCo or myself. Please do not use a shared group to discuss other people's children.

**Fire Safety visits**

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service offers a free home safety visit service to help make everyone safer from the risk of fire. Would you, or someone you know benefit from a home safety visit? The visit is completely free of charge. To find out more and book: Call the team based in Exeter: 0800 05 02 999 email [firekills@dsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firekills@dsfire.gov.uk) or request online at [dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety](http://dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety)

**Free fire safety equipment**

A working smoke alarm is a vital start when it comes to raising the alarm if there is a fire. A fire safety adviser can come and check and replace any alarms needed – there is no cost to you. For people with additional needs or disabilities, there is specialist kit, such as sensory loss alarms that come with a strobe light and vibrating pad. The fire safety adviser can also supply fire retardant bedding, throws or blankets, carbon monoxide alarms, alarm testers and special timers. All of this is free of charge. To find out more and book: Call the team based in Exeter: 0800 05 02 999 email [firekills@dsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firekills@dsfire.gov.uk) or request online at [dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety](http://dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety)

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> – Author visit FSU – Yr 6

Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> – School disco

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Theatre production for KS1

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm and 6.00pm – KS1 Nativity

**Bronze Awards:** Rowan – Noah, Louie E, William, Sycamore – Evie K

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class - Aidan, Rowan Class - Noah, Sycamore Class – Freddie, Cherry Class - Brooke, Maple Class - Lucy, Beech Class – Holly.