

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear all,

Harvest

We have started celebrating Harvest this week. Unfortunately, due to current circumstances we are not able to invite everyone in for a whole school harvest celebration. We have also taken the decision not to ask for food donations to be brought into school for the local food bank. Instead the children will be having celebrations in class for harvest and we have attached a photo of something from each class so you can see just some of the harvest things that have been happening across the school. Also instead of bringing a donation to school we suggest putting something in the donation box at one of the local supermarkets for the food bank.

Parents evening

Next week we are running our online parents evening. They are having to run every night due to us having to allow more time in between each appointment for parents logging in and out. This means there is very little time for appointments to be rearranged. If you cannot make the appointment please let the teacher know as soon as possible so they are not waiting by the computer for you to log in and it may be that rearranged appointments will have to be the week after half term. Thank you for your support with this.

Punctuality

I know it is slightly more difficult for children with siblings with the staggered start and finish times but it is really important that the children arrive on time and are collected on time. Some of the Year 5/6 are coming in at 8.55am which means they have already missed 10 mins of their morning. If children arrive after the registers have closed their attendance changes from late to unauthorised. Any unauthorised absences are automatically flagged and discussed with the Education Welfare officer and after ten absences a formal meeting is called. Whilst we appreciate there may be times when lateness is unavoidable due to exceptional circumstances, the children must be here on time. We are also having children from 5/6 being picked up nearer 3.30pm because that is when their sibling finishes. They must be picked up at 3.15pm and then go and wait for the sibling to finish. Any child not collected on time will be sent to after school club and parents charged. Many thanks for your support with this.

Security

May we please ask people not to climb over our gate to get in or out of the school. If for any reason the buzzers (either inside or outside the gate) are not working, please telephone the office or come back into the school office to let us know. We cannot allow the children to see anyone climbing over our gate as we do not want them to copy this behaviour.

Swimming

We are really pleased that swimming is starting for some of our children this week. It is our first session at the Cranford Club which will be ideal as it is so close for us to get to. As the children need to remain in their bubbles for swimming we are currently only sending very small groups at a time. Next term will hopefully be the Year 5 life-saving course so the whole class will be able to go which will be great as swimming is so important for all children particularly with us living by the sea.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Diary dates:**Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October** – Parents' evenings online.**Friday 23rd October** – 3.15/3.30pm, Children finish for half-term**Monday 2nd November** – Non-Pupil day**Tuesday 3rd November** – Children return to school after half term**Tuesday 9th November** – Year 1 and Year 3/4 Recycling workshops**Headteacher's Award:** Cedar - Ellis**Stars of the Week:** Oak – Catriona, Rowan – Theo, Sycamore – Tilly, Cedar – Alfie, Maple - Evie, Beech – Summer