

# School Newsletter Autumn 2019 No. 2

**20th September 2019—Week 3 Lunch Menu**

## Next Week:

- 23.9.19 9am Celebration Assembly, Invited parents welcome
- 23.9.19 Year 6 Bikeability for pre registered pupils
- 24.9.19 Harvest Festival Assembly

Birthday greetings go to:



All of our pupils who have celebrated their birthdays this week.

**Happy Birthday to you all.**

## Year 6 Residential - Aylmerton

There is no tiredness comparable to post-residential tiredness which shows how much the children loved being active and busy for four days (and nights at times, thanks to the excitement of midnight snacks and room sharing— and that includes the adults!). We had a great trip and it was so lovely to get to know the children outside of school and really appreciate their wonderful personalities. While we were there the children examined sea defences and learnt about coastal erosion, took a ferry to see the seals at Blakeney Point, followed a river from its source to mouth and spent the day as pirates! Ahoy there! The evenings were just as packed as the daytime and we enjoyed a twilight walk into the woods with torches, a spooky story in a church, fire pits and a storyteller with variety of African instruments. We were also visited by a bird and snake display. You would have thought that meant we'd all be sound asleep by 9pm due to exhaustion from all the activities! The food was great, we enjoyed three course meals each evening and two courses for breakfasts, hot chocolate and biscuits each evening and not once did we have to cook! The children were an absolute joy to take and spend time with, and their behaviour was a credit to themselves and the school. We can't wait to share all our memories with you. Thank you to all the staff who gave up a lot of their own time to make sure that the children were always safe and well looked after. What a great start to Year 6!



## Harvest Festival

The corn is gathered and the fields are now being ploughed, the harvesters are being put away and there are less tractors in the fields which can only



mean one thing...Harvest has arrived! On Tuesday 24th October we are having a special assembly to celebrate Harvest and be thankful for the wealth that farming gives us. This year we requested food donations for Colchester Foodbank who provide three days of nutritionally balanced food parcels for people who are in crisis. If you would like to make a donation please could you send in: bags of rice, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned puddings, tea, coffee and long life milk. Colchester Foodbank provide a fantastic support for the local community and rely on the support of generous donations. We look forward to being able to share these food gifts with them. Thank you.



## Parking

A new school year brings a reset of school habits and routines. As many of you are aware, the school is part of a housing estate with private residential parking and properties. The Roach Vale Primary School community is proud to respect that, so I would like to remind you to avoid parking in places that may restrict the residents access to the road and their homes.



## Can you spare 30 minutes to hear Readers?

We are looking for some willing volunteers who to hear some of our wonderful children read. Reading is such an important skill to have and reading aloud can make such a huge difference so it would be great to have your help. Are there any of you who bring your children to school, we're hoping that there would be some parents/grandparents/carers who would enjoy coming into school for the first 30 minutes of the morning to listen to some children read. You'd work with the same children each week: getting to know them and watching them progress. If you'd like to volunteer, please pop into the school office or make yourself known to Mrs Eddy (Monday—Wednesday). Thank you.

