



Dear Parents/Carers,

In school our harvest collection is starting – a HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated tins and packets that we will be delivering to the Braintree Area Food Bank for distribution to local vulnerable families.

In classes, the children are beginning to talk about the Harvest service and outside the leaves are starting to change, meaning Autumn has arrived. This part of the year is one of my favourites as children begin to be challenged by the new learning in their year groups. We are talking a lot about challenge in school and alongside challenge comes the need to be persistent and resilient. When things are difficult, the ability to keep trying is important. It was wonderful to hear just how persistent many of the children who have visited my office for good work this week have been. I hope this continues and develops this year.

Democracy at work..

This morning, in assembly, Yr 6 children from our four house teams presented their arguments to be elected as house captains. The pupils spoke eloquently and powerfully. Results will be announced in next week's Herald.



Fantastic Pastoral Team

Following her return from Maternity Leave, Mrs Hancock has taken up a new strategic role in school, that of Pastoral Lead. She will co-ordinate the work of our emotional responders who regularly meet with children, across the school, to support a wide range of social and emotional issues. Mrs Hancock will also work very closely with Jane Halls from SAFE (Schools and Families Engaged) to ensure that services we provide 'dovetail' and meet all needs. Jane Halls will commence a monthly drop-in on October 7th in school for any parents/carers with issues/seeking advice. Jane will offer confidential support.



ALDI collecting..

We are now taking part in the Aldi stickers promotion. If you spend over £30 in Aldi over the next few weeks you will be given a primary school sticker. Please bring this into school (office) to add to our wall chart – we may get the chance to win £20,000 of equipment! Many thanks!



Litter Pick



On Sunday 29th September, at 10.30 am, there will be a litter pick in Sible Hedingham. Everyone who is interested should meet at the Council Office on Swan Street. All children will receive a small flower bomb for taking part.

Attendance..

A really BIG well done, at the start of a new academic year to children who have arrived every day, on time, for school. We had a specific focus last term on pupils improving punctuality, and so far we have taken **huge** strides in this area. This week, Years 2 and 6 have won our Attendance Cup!! WELL DONE!!

Planet naming..



As part of their centenary celebrations, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) is organising a global competition: *Name Exoworlds*. Between 6th and 18th October, the UK has the opportunity to name a selected planet and its host star. Children in Year 5, as part of their Space topic, have been given the task of submitting a name - and it's left them deep in thought!!



Parents Consultation Evening

On Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October, school will be holding Parent Consultation Evenings. Letters have been sent out for parents/carers to select appointment times. Please return these asap so teachers can arrange the schedules.



Tea and cake in school..

We're holding a tea and cake afternoon, on Friday September 27th 2019 to welcome new parents and carers to the school and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support too. It will be a great chance to chat to other parents/carers as well as find out about the work of the PTA (whose members will be attending). Younger siblings are welcome as are friends and neighbours so spread the word!!