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Helping Others @ SSIS.....Harvest 2019

Letter 3 Term 1 2019
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we said '**Thank you, goodbye and good luck**' to **Mrs Mitchell**. Mrs Mitchell has been a Lunchtime Supervisor at SSIS for 11 years! In today's assembly Mr Doyle presented Jo with some flowers and presents from the staff. We will miss you Jo....all the very best from everyone @ SSIS!

Thank you for supporting our Harvest collection of food for the Julian Trust.

Last Friday the Y1 and Y2 children shared some Harvest –themed songs and poems as part of our Harvest Service. During the Harvest service I explained how the children have helped to grow fruit and vegetables on the school allotment and I thanked Mr and Mrs Webb for their support with the gardening. Reverend Lisa Wigmore, from St Stephen's Church, led a Harvest prayer.

John Rosewall from the Julian Trust Homeless Shelter accepted your food donations and thanked the school community for their support. I would like to thank:

- *the teaching staff for preparing their class Harvest offerings*
- *Mrs Manning for teaching the Harvest songs to the children*
- *Mr Bull and Mrs Harris for preparing/sorting the food in the hall for the Service*
- *Helen Bull (Mollie and Poppie's mum) for donating the Harvest Wheatsheaf loaf.*
- *Eddie's dad for helping transport everything to the Julian Trust Homeless Shelter.*

The cash collection raised **£77 – thank you!** Earlier this term you also helped raise **£250.94** for military charities on Red, White and Blue Day. A truly brilliant community effort. Thank you everyone!





Pictured from Left to Right are: Filip, Tyrion, Oliver, Edie, Chloe, Bettina and Daniel. Edie's pumpkin is pictured on the television. Congratulations to Edie who was the winner of the **Friends' Pumpkin Carving competition** - and to our six runners up. Mr Ruck had a very tricky job judging the 68 pumpkins you carved so brilliantly! Edie won a £10 Argos voucher and the runners up a bag of sweets c/o the Friends. Thank you for your support.



The Great SSIS Sunflower Competition

Last year we organised the Great SSIS Sunflower Growing competition whereby every child planted a sunflower seed and took it home to look after. Over the next few months lots of parents/carers sent photos in of their child next to their sunflower. Thank you to those of you who sent photos and height measurement of your child's sunflower into school.

On Monday Mr Ruck announced the winner and runners up of the competition:

The runners up were Noah, Benjy and George.

The winner with a massive 2.6m sunflower was Eva!

Mr Ruck presented all four children with a certificate, a pack of seeds to grow giant pumpkins and a bouncy ball as prizes.

Eva was also awarded the special winner's prize a giant pumpkin grown by Mr Ruck on his allotment....weighing in at over 4 stone! Mr Ruck delivered the giant pumpkin to Eva's house. Eva and her family carved 'St Stephen's' into the pumpkin and kindly returned it to school.





Reception children to wear PE Kits to school on PE days from Term 2.

A reminder children need to come to school dressed in their PE kits on the day(s) they have PE sessions. This will help ensure children are dressed appropriately for PE and allow more time for the teaching of PE. As the children will be in their PE kit for the whole day children will need to wear trainers instead of daps. During colder weather children can wear tracksuit bottoms or leggings instead of shorts. They will need to wear a school sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan over their t shirt. T shirts can be white or yellow and shorts black or navy blue. This year we are linking with the Bristol Rovers Community Trust and the children will be benefitting from specialist PE teaching. Abbie Jones will be providing our PE support and she will be working with 1 year group/term. Abbie will be working with Y1 classes in Term 2 and Reception in Term 3.

Term 2: children have PE on the following days:

Monday – Zog, Gruffalo, Elmer and Leo

Tuesday – Pegasus, Draco and Elmer

*Wednesday – Red, Blue and Zog**

Thursday – Yellow, Pegasus and Draco

Friday – Leo and Gruffalo

Individual and Sibling photos – Wednesday 6th November

The school photographer will be taking individual and sibling photographs of the children on the morning of **Wednesday 6th November**. We will be liaising with SSJS to ensure Junior School siblings come over to have their photograph taken. You will receive the proofs/order forms later in the term.

***Red, Blue and Zog classes will need to come to school wearing their school uniform and not their PE kit on Wednesday 6th November. Thank you.**



Poppies and Remembrance

Poppies will be on sale in the office during morning playtime from **Monday 4th - 11th November**.

For each poppy please send a donation of at least 20p into school.

The money we raise will go to support the work of the Royal British Legion.

Please click here for details: <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

We will be holding a two minute silence on **Monday November 11th @ 11am**.

The children will learn about Remembrance in an Assembly on the same day.

Smoking

A reminder that the school site is a no smoking/vaping zone.

Please do not smoke near the lane/pedestrian gates as children, parents/carers enter/leave the site.

Thank you for your cooperation.





On Friday 15th November 2019 we will be having a **non-uniform day** to raise money for **Children in Need**. The theme this year is Spotacular! The children can dress up with spots or just their own clothes. If it is cold please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothes underneath their costumes as they will be going out to play.

We ask for a donation of £1 or any other amount to be handed in to the class teacher on the day of the event. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Otter (Charity/Community Cohesion Leader)

**A message from Clarissa Costa "Administrator, Community Development and Finance Officer"
Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever Fisher Road, Kingswood, BS15 4RQ:**

Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever are organising a **Family Halloween Party** event **on the 2nd of November from 5-9pm at our premise**. We will have a fancy dress competition, food, disco and raffle. The aim of this event is to provide a fun evening for the local people and to raise money to help the charity's projects and services in the community.

Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever is the hub of the community, located in Kingswood, Bristol. We are a registered charity aimed at preventing isolation, reaching out to those already in isolation, tackling unemployment and enhancing the wellbeing of people in the community. We work with individuals, families and young people facing multiple challenges.

Together we are making Kingswood a better place.



Mudpie Anyone?

For details of Mudpie Explorers Half-Term Activities please click here:

<http://www.mud-pies.co.uk/schoolholidays/>

A reminder that the **Infant School is closed for INSET on Friday 25th October** – the Junior School is open. We return to school on **Monday 4th November**. A newsletter with Christmas dates etc will be sent home on Friday 8th November 2019. Have a great break.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Ruck
Headteacher

