



**Goring Church of England
(Aided) Primary School**
Faith, Love and Learning

4 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Harvest Service – Thursday 7 October (unforeseen change of date)

Our Harvest services this year which will be led by our Year 3 children. Despite their lack of experience presenting to a large audience, due to Covid over the past 18 months, they are keen to do their best and with our encouragement will do a magnificent job.

There will be two services held at St Mary's Church.

9.15am – Year 1 & 6 children to attend. **Swallow class leading service**

10.30am – Year 2, 4 & 5 children to attend. **Kingfisher class leading service**

Sadly, ONLY Year 3 Parents are invited to attend this year due to Covid protective measures. They may attend either service and are asked to sit in the side pews and wear masks if possible. Reception children will not attend the church service but will have their own Harvest celebration in the classroom with their teachers.

We will be supporting the local homeless charity 'Turning Tides' as part of our harvest thanksgiving for all we are blessed with. Children are invited to be a hero for those less fortunate than themselves by bringing in £1 donation on Wednesday 6 October and may wear their own suitable clothes/shoes on this occasion. We would appreciate pound coins if possible in order to reduce the need for office handling. These donations will help provide essential supplies over the coming cold and wet winter months.

Site Safety and Access

Please be aware that our one-way system is still in place to ensure the safe entry/exit to the school site. Key stage 1 families should enter via the Mulberry Lane gate and leave the site by the office gate. KS2 should use the gate to the left of the carpark and leave via the carpark pedestrian gate. Please ensure that you do not drive down to the school gate to drop off your child by the zig zag lines as this area is in constant use by children and we need to keep your children safe.

Our Police Community Support Officer, Hannah Whitby will be on patrol in the area on a regular basis. I can assure you that there have been no reported incidents and her presence is for our general safety and should not be a cause for alarm. I would encourage you to help your child/ren to form a positive relationship with Hannah if you see her in the area.

Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our book sale last week. You raised £400 which will be directed towards purchasing new high quality texts for classroom use. I hope your child has enjoyed reading and sharing their selections. As we have a number of books still remaining, children will have a further opportunity during parents' consultation evenings next half term to select additional books if they wish to do so. An honesty box will be available for £1 donations.

School Photos

Sibling photos 19th October

Individual photos 4th November

Please ensure your child is wearing winter uniform for these photos.

Parent consultation meetings

Early years staff will be contacting Reception parents directly to arrange an opportunity to discuss their child's progress and next steps.

Year 1 -6 parents will have this opportunity after school on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November. Details of how to book your appointment will be sent home next week.

Please note that 10 minutes is allocated for these appointments and should parents then need to discuss additional matters they should then arrange an alternative time to meet with the class teacher.

Rocksteady Music lessons

Rocksteady provides in-school band lessons which are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the opportunity to perform.

Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

Toys

I have been made aware that a number of children are bringing toys including poppets and fidget items into school. As a rule we do not allow children to bring toys into school and I would ask that these stay at home from now on. If your child has specific sensory needs which you wish to discuss with our Inclusion Leader, Miss Senior, please do contact her and she will be happy to explore the best provision for them individually.

Yours sincerely

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