



8th October 2021

Autumn Term Updates

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. Thank you for all that you continue to do to support us in keeping school as safe as possible, it is much appreciated.

Harvest Festival

After careful consideration we are very pleased to say that we will be able to perform our Harvest songs to a small audience this year. We will use our large gym which will be well ventilated with all of the windows open.



The performances will be for one class of parents at a time and one

adult per child may attend only. Face coverings must be worn and distancing adhered to using the seating arrangement provided. The performances will be shorter than usual and we have arranged for them to be either at the beginning or end of a school day. **Audience entry to and exit from the performances will at the back of the school through the gym door.** Performances will last for approximately 20 minutes. Children will need to be dropped off and collected from their usual places please.

Children in nursery and reception may wear 'farmer' style clothes on their harvest festival day such as brown, red, yellow colours/ checked shirts/ jeans. All other children will wear school uniform as usual except for year 5 and 6 as their performance falls on the last day of term which is a non uniform day.

Children in ARP classes will not be doing a live performance and will instead make a film that will be available for parents to view via a link. ARP teachers will provide further details shortly.

| Date | Harvest Performances | |
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| Monday 18 th October | 9.10am Year 3 | 2.45pm Year 4 |
| Tuesday 19 th October | 9.10am Year 1 | 2.45pm Year 2 |
| Thursday 21 st October | 9.10am Nursery | 2.30pm Reception |
| Friday 22 nd October | 9.10am Year 5 | 2.45pm Year 6 |

Halloween

This year we will be having a 'Halloween' themed day on **Friday 5th November**. This is the first Friday that we are in school following halloween. Children may wear halloween fancy dress on this day if they wish. (No clowns please). We have plenty of spare costumes in school and items that can be borrowed if necessary.



Food Bank

This year as usual for Harvest we have pledged to support the Trussell Trust Food Bank, based in Pelsall. Sadly, over 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK and the need for foodbanks is increasing due to the pandemic.

The foodbank offers help to local people in crisis, who are often referred by specialist agencies such as social services, GP surgeries, schools, children's centres and job centres. We would be really grateful if your child could bring in any of the following, to help with our collection for this worthwhile cause.

| Top 10 Food Shortages | Top 10 Toiletry Shortages |
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| 1l cartons of uht milk | Shampoo |
| 1l cartons of fruit juice (from concentrate) | Shower gel |
| Small jars of coffee | Shaving foam |
| Tinned fish | Deodorant |
| Tinned meat (ham/corned beef) | Toilet roll |
| Jars of cooking sauce | Hand wash |
| Tinned fruit | Toothbrushes |
| Desserts – tinned rice pudding or custard | Toothpaste |
| Jam/marmalade | Soap |
| Tinned potatoes/instant mash | Can openers |

Unfortunately, the foodbank is not able to store fresh or chilled items. Small packets and tins are preferred, if possible please. Donations can be received from Monday 11th October and should be in by Thursday 21st October please. Many thanks in advance for anything you are able to give.

Nut Free School

Please could we remind parents that we are a 'nut free school' due to having children in school with severe allergies. Please do not send nuts or peanut butter in lunch boxes. Thank you for your support with this.

We break up for half term on Friday 22nd October. As usual, this will be a non-uniform day; donations of 50p to the school fund are appreciated via the school money app.

We return to school on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

Best wishes,



Mrs L O'Brien
Head of School

