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Dear Parents / Carers,

October already. I don't know if anybody else feels that the term is passing by at a rate of knots but it certainly does feel that way at the moment.

Harvest Service

Sadly, I was unable to attend the service earlier this week. However, I have been absolutely filled with pride as a result of the number of parents, carers and other family members who have approached me to share their feedback. It is clear that the children were absolutely magnificent in their performing, singing, reading, participation and, of course, behaviour. Many thanks to all those who took the time to attend and support (and, indeed, to the weather which made the last-minute decision to allow us to walk down in relative dryness). Well done to everybody involved and thanks as always to St Nicholas' Church for hosting us all.

Staffing

Last week, I informed you all of staffing changes as a result of Dr Noble's imminent departure later this month. I can now share with you the news that Miss Schumm will be our new SENDCo from the start of the new half term in November. Many of you already know that Miss Schumm has completed the NASENCo qualification (that which is needed to take on the role of a SENDCo) and has been very much involved in SEND provision across the school over the past couple of years so she is familiar with many of the children who are on the SEND register or are experiencing other challenges. She is also very much involved in working with the counsellors who attend our school, both from 'Time for You' and 'Inside Out', managing referrals and liaising with parents and carers. Also, Miss Schumm and Dr Noble have been working closely for a while now and, as such, we are fully confident of a smooth 'handover' period (which, to a large extent, has already happened!).

Sports Report!

This week, attention has turned to tag-rugby with both the boys and girls involved in their respective tournaments. As always, our teams performed fantastically and, to quote Mrs Simpson, '...Excellent standard, participation and team spirit were shown by all the children.' Further to this, our girls 'Team 1' actually won their tournament and will be going forwards to the Cleveland finals next week. Well done to all who participated.

Film Night

It seemed as though all of the children in Reception and Key Stage One enjoyed the Film Night held earlier this week! Next Wednesday, it is the turn of Key Stage Two! All information has been shared about this event.

Harvest

The Key Stage One Harvest assemblies to parents and carers will be held on Wednesday 16th October at 2.30pm and also on Friday 18th October at 9.10am. As is always the case, we will be collecting donations for the food bank and on Friday 18th, we will have a non-uniform day specifically for donations to be brought in. We will send out more information about this.

Parent / Teacher Consultations (Or Parent's Evening...!)

These will be held on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd October. A letter will shortly be sent with details of how to book your slot.

PE Kit

In the very first newsletter of the term, I made brief mention of school uniform including PE kit. As I wrote previously, we are keen to make this as simplistic and cost effective as possible which is why we only ask for a plain white tee-shirt (usually around the £5 mark at a push as I peruse the George at Asda website!) and black or navy blue shorts (approximately £6 for two pairs, same source). The reason for this is largely driven by cost as we are keen to keep it to an absolute minimum. We do not want children to wear replica football shirts (approximately £45 for a child's Middlesbrough 'home' official replica kit as seen on the 'MFC Official Direct site) or shorts (£22, same source)! Of course, other clubs are available for comparison! We will look to lend children a plain white shirt should they decide to wear their football shirt to school for a PE lesson.

For after school clubs, we are perfectly happy for football shirts to be worn but again, we do worry in case they do get damaged.

Running Club

This week has been what can only be described as a total wash out. Yesterday was bright and sunny but the field was still unsuitable for use. The rota for next week is highlighted below. The only equipment needed is a pair of shoes suitable for running around the field (not school shoes as they are likely to get muddy and wet). With this in mind, a carrier bag may be handy too... I am confident.

LUNCH ROTA	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Week beginning	30.09.24	07.10.24	14.10.24	23.09.24
	04.11.24	11.11.24	18.11.24	21.10.24
	02.12.24	09.12.24	16.12.24	25.11.24
MON	Y6	Y3	Y4	Y5
TUES	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
WEDS	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y3
THURS	Y5	Y6	Y3	Y4

And Finally....

Let's all hope for a pleasant and dry weekend where we might be able to get out and about to enjoy a little bit of autumnal sunshine! We live in hope.....!

Yours Sincerely

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