**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 29th September 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can hardly believe we have come to the end of September! As we move further into autumn, please make sure children come to school with coats or waterproof jackets. We try to get the children outside in most weather, even the rain if it isn’t too heavy. Also, may we also remind you that children must wear a safety helmet if they cycle to school.

**Harvest Celebration**

As you know, we will celebrate harvest festival with the children at Emmanuel church on Wednesday morning. As part of our celebration, we would like to offer contributions to the food bank at Emmanuel, so we are asking each child to donate **one non-perishable item** that they can carry to church on the day. The food bank welcomes canned food (beans, fruit, sauces) and dried goods (such as pasta and rice). Children should bring their item on the Wednesday morning, ready to take to church. Thank you for your support.

**Parents’ Evenings**

Our parents’ evenings will take place on 10th and 12th October. Please look out for an email today to explain how to sign up for a meeting. This is an opportunity for you to find out how your child is settling into their new class.

**SEN meetings**

As we mentioned previously, we are offering an extra meeting for parents whose children are on the SEN register, so you can discuss your child’s SEND Profiles with Mrs O’Neill. These will be held on Monday 9th October between 3.30pm and 6pm and on Wednesday 11th October between 8.30am and 4.30pm. These appointments will be available on the same booking system. Please also sign up for a general meeting with your child’s class teacher.

**Please join us…**

We have planned a number of opportunities for parents to come into school throughout the year. This term we have class assemblies for years 2 and 5, so please look out for your invitations – the dates for these have been added to the list below. Additionally, this half term we would like to invite parents of our reception children to join them for a family lunch. Mrs Dutton and Mrs Dean will be sending a letter with more details today.

**Christmas Jumper Swap**

We know it seems a little early to mention Christmas, but we would like to give you all plenty of notice for this event which we introduced last year. On Thursday 23rd November we are holding a Christmas Jumper Swap and coffee afternoon where you may come and donate a festive jumper or top that perhaps your child has outgrown, and exchange it for another. Not only does this help us to ‘do our bit’ for the environment, but it will also save parents having to purchase a top that might only be worn once or twice. Please look out for more details nearer the time. We will, as always, hold our Charity Christmas Jumper day in December.

**Attendance**

Today we celebrated Year 1 who have had 99% attendance this week – well done! They spun the wheel of fortune and won a sweet treat which they have enjoyed this afternoon.

Attendance for the week:

Reception: 97%

Year 1: 99%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 90%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 86%

Year 6: 92%

**Dates for your Diaries**

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| **Event** | **Date** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Harvest Festival - donations for the food bank | Wednesday 4th October | 9.30am | All year groups |
| SEN Parents’ meetings | Monday 9th October 2023 | TBA | SEN children |
| Parents’ Evening | Tuesday 10th October 2023 | 3.30pm – 6.30pm | All year groups |
| SEN Parents’ meetings | Wednesday 11th October 2023 | TBA | SEN children |
| Parents’ Evening | Thursday 12th October 2023 | 3.30pm – 6.30pm | All year groups |
| Photographs - individual | Monday 16th October 2023 | 8am – all morning | All year groups and pre-school siblings |
| Family lunches | 17th, 18th, 19th Occtober 2023 | 11.45am | Reception parents |
| Year 2 Class Assembly | Wednesday 25th October 2023 | 9.15am | Year 2 parents |
| Break up for half term | Friday 27th October 2023 | 3.15pm | All year groups |
| Community Fireworks Night | Monday 6th November 2023 | 5pm | School families/ local community |
| Open Afternoon for parents | Tuesday 7th November 2023 | 3.15pm | All year groups |
| Year 5 Class Assembly | Friday 17th November 2023 | 9.15am | Year 5 parents |
| Christmas Jumper Swap and coffee afternoon | Thursday 23rd November 2023 | 2.25pm | All year groups |

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Harrison and Mrs L Guy