

Friday 5th October 2018



Dear Parents,

Cool to be kind

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Harvest Project; lots of children have been bringing cereal bars, bottles of water, wipes, warm socks and hats. We have even received a rucksack, sleeping bag, warm fleece, toothpaste and tooth brushes- this is amazing and will make a huge difference to homeless people this winter. If you pop into the hall you can see what we have collected so far and maybe find something at home you could donate. Many thanks.



Safeguarding update

One of the key ways we safeguard children is checking attendance- making sure children are in school on time each day and seeking further information if children have a pattern of absence. For this reason we ask parents to notify us before 9:30am if a child is going to be absent, giving details of the reason. You can do this by leaving a message on the answer phone, or by sending a text message to **07860 005079** stating your child's name, class and reason for absence.

If we have not received a message we will call you and if we are still unable to contact you it is our statutory responsibility to call the next person on your child's contact list in order to find out why they are not in school. We recognise that phone signals can be intermittent, that credit may have run out or indeed your phone may not be charged; however, we cannot take a risk because you and your child may not be ok and may need help.

Curriculum and Coffee Morning

Next Friday is our first Foundation Stage Curriculum and Coffee morning. All parents and carers with a child in Foxes class or Badgers class will be welcome to come and find out a little more



about how we teach phonics and early reading skills to your child. Please stay for coffee after dropping your child to school. The session lasting about an hour will be led by Rachel Foster and will take place in the library. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 12th at 9am.

Big Big Celebration!

Children in Yr1 and Yr2 would like to share their curriculum work with their grown-ups and families. Please come and join your child next Friday afternoon at 2pm when we have writing, art work, songs, drinks and biscuits to share. Look out for your own very special invitation!

Parking

Once again we are receiving reports that parents have been parking in residents parking bays opposite the school. Please avoid doing this - they are not public parking areas and it causes difficulties when residents with reduced mobility, or with young children, are not able to park close to their house.

Parking on the yellow zig zag lines during drop off and pick up times is dangerous and illegal. You should not park, wait or even stop to drop off passengers during the restricted times. The zig zag lines close to both schools are effective in the morning and evening to ensure that children and families can cross Barnard Road safely.

GIPA news

Thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillan Coffee Morning last Thursday. We are really pleased that the coffee morning and sale of cakes raised over £150 for MacMillan. Well done!



Tickets go on sale next Tuesday 9th October for our Autumn Party, which is an afternoon of fun, games, magic and dancing with Mr Happy on the last day of this half term. See the Autumn Party flyer and GIPA Facebook page for more details.

Cushion Club evenings have been arranged on 2nd, 16th and 30th November, from 5:30-7pm. Children return to school wearing pyjamas or onesie if they wish and bring a cushion, pillow or beanbag to sit on. We watch a film, or series of short films together and the children are given a drink and some snacks to enjoy. Younger siblings are

welcome but will require a ticket if eating. Parents are required to stay with pre-school siblings. Look out for flyers for these events after half term.

Parent Consultations

Please check your child's book bag- the parent consultation letters went home with every child today for meetings on 16th and 18th October.