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Dear Families,

Thank you for your continuing support as we move forward into the autumn term. Looking ahead, we have some wonderful events taking place to support our children making progress in their learning and to raise valuable funds for our Nature Area, alongside supporting charities close to our hearts. Thanks you to all families who supported our staff in raising over £500 for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund, as part of the Superhero Walk, a few weeks ago. This is a charity close to Miss Hamilton's heart, as her young nephew Archie will soon be undergoing his fourth open heart surgery in Leeds. Please log onto our Whinmoor St. Paul's twitter account to see the personal thank you from Archie.

McMillan's Coffee Morning

We are holding our own MacMillan coffee morning to raise funds for Cancer Support tomorrow morning, after whole school celebration worship. This will take place in the Hive from 9.45am until 10.15am. Thank you to all our families who have sent in cakes – we are so grateful. Any cakes left over, will be sold to families as part of the Friday tuck shop at the end of the day.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school on Friday 5th October at 9am. As always, our families are invited to attend and join in our celebrations. Our children will be singing Harvest Songs and taking part in worship and praise. If families can support us by donating tins of food, non -perishable goods or toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc, we will be donating them to St. Paul's Parish Larder, which supports foodbanks across the Seacroft area. If possible, if donations can be sent on the morning of Thursday 4th October, this gives us the opportunity to create a Harvest display to share with the children during the Harvest Festival. Thank you.

Quick Start Support

Now that our children have settled back into the routines of school, we would like to invite parents and carers to pop into school with their children for around 20 minutes on the following dates, when their child's teacher will talk about standards within the year group and explain homework expectations. If you can come along, we ask that your children accompany you back into the

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class to hear the messages with you, to support consistency. If you are unable to come along and want any clarification around expectations or homework, please catch your child's teacher at the end of the day or make an appointment at the office.

Monday 8 th October 2018	Reception	3.30 - 3.50pm
Tuesday 9 th October 2018 3.30	Y3/4	3.30 - 3.50pm
Thursday 11 th October 2018	Y1/2	3.30 - 3.50pm
Friday 12 th October 2018	Y5/6	3.30 - 3.50pm

Packed Lunches

Thank you to those families who are ensuring their children enjoy a well balanced meal at lunchtimes by providing a healthy, nutritious packed lunch, which includes a balance of protein, carbs and fruit. We have been concerned recently, as some children are bringing Nutella type yogurts and chocolate spread sandwiches, which may contain nuts and which are potentially life threatening to some of our children with severe allergies. It is imperative, for the health and well-being of all our children that we remain a 'nut-free' school. Please support us by not providing foods which contains nuts. We ask for your understanding as we work together to protect all our children. If, as an alternative to packed lunches, you wish your child to have a school meal, they are free to all pupils in Reception and Key Stage One and cost £2.15 per day for children in Years 3 and 4 and £2.20 for children in Years 5 and 6. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please pop in or telephone Mrs. Burns (school office) who can advise you.

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Dates for your diary

We have added new dates and more details to the list we sent out at the start of term:

Friday 5th October – Harvest Festival 9am. Please provide donations on the morning of Thursday 4 th October
Monday 15th October – Individual School Photos.
Thursday 8th November – Year 3 Trip to the Central Library.
Friday 16th November – Children in Need. Details to follow.
Friday 30 th November – ‘Ladies’ Night (A PTFA event to help with early Christmas shopping, stalls selling quality good and clothes, including Bodyshop. £4.00 entrance, includes raffle and ‘fizz’ 6.30-8.30pm
Thursday 6 th December – PTFA support children to wrap presents for their families – more details to follow
Thursday 13th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance – 10am
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance – 2 pm.
Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day.
Friday 14th December - Christmas Fair. 3.30-5pm
Monday 17th December – Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performance– 2pm.
Year 5 & Year 6 Christingle Concert – 5pm.
Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Party Day.
Thursday 20th December – School Carol Service – 2.15 pm.

Message from Miss MacLellan

Dyslexia Awareness Week 1st October – 5th October 2018

As part of Dyslexia Awareness week our school is taking part in ‘No Pens Day Wednesday,’ a national event where every lesson will be focused on learning through speaking and listening activities. We are doing this because we know speaking and listening skills are vital for children’s development – both in education and more widely. This is a really exciting day that will encourage good classroom talk and will build on these essential skills in a fun and engaging way.

Message from Miss Hamilton

Our School Council have been working hard to plan the next exciting event to take place at our school. They have decided to host ‘Whinmoor St Paul’s Has Got Talent.’ This is a great opportunity for the children to perform in front of an audience to showcase the wonderful talent around school. Although every child who enters will receive a certificate and our very own judging panel, comprising of teachers and members of the School Council, will choose a daily winner, the emphasis of the event is for children to have fun performing and watching the week of talent!

The talent show is open for all children from Reception to Year 6, and any talent is welcome! Magicians, dancers, gymnasts, singers – we want to see it all! So that we are able to give all children a chance to perform, each performance should be around three minutes (or the length of a song.)

The talent show is due to start on Monday 15th October, with different classes being assigned a day to perform during that week. This will be dependent upon how many people want to participate. Another letter

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will be sent out to children who sign up to inform them of their performance day. On this occasion, due to the event taking place at lunchtime, the talent show will be performed to other children in school and, unfortunately not to our families. However, we are certain you will hear all about it!

Should your child wish to join our talent show, they will need to send in the slip attached to this letter with the £1 entry cost by **Monday 8th October**. All money raised will be used to further develop our wonderful nature area.

We can't wait to watch our children perform!

Thank you again to all our families who support us in giving the children the best start we can.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the many events running throughout the term.

Miss McBride

Head teacher

Whinmoor St Paul's Has Got Talent!

Your name and year group: _____

Your act: _____

