

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

WHINMOOR



ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

15.10.20

Dear Families,

Harvest:

As we edge towards the remaining week of half term, we are looking to hold our Harvest Festival next week. We are sorry that we cannot invite families to join us, but we will hold you in our prayers during our Worship. We have been talking about the meaning and messages of Harvest (at an 'age appropriate' level) and are currently producing poetry, pictures and prayers to really get our children thinking about the earth, the food produced across the world and how we can support others during what is turning out to be a difficult autumn for many within our community.

Our children will celebrate Harvest within their own classes on Monday next week, with the same messages and prayers being shared across school. We will upload pictures, art work and prayers onto Twitter and our website as soon as we are able to. This year, rather than asking our children to bring in non-perishable food and goods such as soap, toothpaste, shower gel etc, we ask if over the coming months, if you are able to, please support those who are struggling to make ends meet, the vulnerable and homeless in our own community, by donating what produce you can to The Seacroft Parish Larder at St. Richards. (The food bank is held in the crypt underneath St. Richards, LS14 1BX). Donations can be taken to the Food Bank any Tuesday between 10am and 2pm. Thank you.

Message from Mrs. Vaughan:

Tomorrow: #HelloYellow Day - Raising Money to support YoungMinds

In line with our Recovery Curriculum and to show our support for World Mental Health Day, we are having a #Hello Yellow Day tomorrow. The aim is to help spread the word, that together, we can look out for each other and feel hopeful about the future by wearing something yellow for the donation of £1 (with all donations going to YoungMinds). We ask the donation is paid via 'SchoolMoney,' if possible. Whether it is a jumper, hat or your favourite bow tie, dig out your best yellow clothes and wear them with pride for World Mental Health Day.

Reminder: Consultation Nights

Our first consultation evenings of the year will take place during the first week back after the half term break. KS2 (Year 3-6) will be on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd and Early Years (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (years 1 and 2) will take place on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November for the majority of families. These will begin around 3.30pm and finish by 6.30pm. If you are unable to commit to either of the dates offered for your child, please let us know and we will do our best to find another time to speak. This year, the meeting will consist of a phone call of just under 10 minutes between yourself and the teacher. This is the same time as we have always allotted for face to face meetings. During the meeting,



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we will focus on Transition – how your child has settled into their new class, their strengths, targets and any particular issues which have

arisen. If you have any questions, we will also address these. It is important teachers stick to timings as they have to speak to many parents/carers. We ask for your patience if teachers are a little late in ringing you. If you find that there are issues to discuss which cannot be covered in the allotted time, the teacher will make another appointment to speak with you as soon as they are able to.

Covid

This week, Leeds has been classified as a higher alert Tier 2 area of the country and we ask your support in continuing to protect our community and keep us all as safe as possible. Please wear face coverings on school grounds and when visiting the Office; this adds an additional layer of protection for yourself, our staff and those within the school grounds who are 'high risk.' Outside of school, we ask all families to follow Tier 2 guidelines and restrictions. If anyone in your family does test positive, please inform us and follow isolation guidelines to the letter.

The NHS continue to list the following symptoms as main indicators of Covid. If you or your children show any of these signs, please do not come into school and follow medical advice with regard to testing and isolation.

- **a high temperature** –you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it could be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

Please see our website for further information from Leeds City Council on recognising signs and symptoms of covid.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Miss McBride.

