

## **Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Welcome back and a warm welcome to all of our new staff children and families. We are looking forward to a busy, creative year of learning.

Sadly, in the first full week we had the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth. We joined together as a school to reflect on her life of service to the country.

School will be closed on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** September following the announcement of a bank holiday on the day of the funeral.



### **New staff**

This term we welcome Mrs Doody as a member of our teaching team who will job share with Mrs Sullivan in Year 5/6. Mrs Bates, Mrs Dennis, Ms Richardson, Mrs Godfrey have joined us as Teaching Assistants and Mrs Tompkins joins our Midday Assistant team.

### **Dates**

23<sup>rd</sup> Governors' Open morning – **For governors to visit school**

26<sup>th</sup> Governors' Curriculum Committee

30<sup>th</sup> Parent Forum- **9.00-9.30. For all parents and carers. A chance to ask questions and discuss issues raised**

30<sup>th</sup> Class Assembly –Silver Birch – **2.45-3.15. For the children in Silver Birch class to showcase their learning**

### **October**

3<sup>rd</sup>- Parent Drop in session **2.45- 3.15 For all parents and carers. No need to book. A chance to visit your child's class and see their learning.**

4<sup>th</sup> Governors Resources Committee

6<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival- **Date be confirmed. We will be collecting for the Food Bank. Details to follow**

10<sup>th</sup> FOSP AGM

14<sup>th</sup> Class Assembly – Oak Class **2.45-3.15. For the children in Oak class to showcase their learning to parents and carers**

18<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings – **Details to follow**

21<sup>st</sup> School Closed –Staff Training

### **Harvest Festival**

This year we will be collecting donations for the Braintree Food bank. Please see below for the list of items requested. We will have a box in school for your donations which will then be collected after our Harvest Festival.




# September and Harvest

## SHOPPING LIST

**URGENT:**

- Sponge Pudding (Non Chilled)
- Instant Mash
- Packet Soup
- Long Life Juice (1 litre)
- UHT Milk (1 litre)
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant

**TO MAINTAIN STOCKS:**

- Rice
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Chocolate Bars

We follow the Food Standards Agency standards.  
We can only accept donations of unopened and undamaged goods well within their "use by" date. Items that do not meet these requirements cannot be used and your donation may be wasted.

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## Volunteers need



**PARENTS AND CARERS:  
KS1 NEED YOU!**

- Do you have 45-60 minutes to spare twice a week?
- Would you like to come and help our lovely children to read?

We would be delighted to hear from anyone, who could volunteer to work with small groups of children and hear them read, as part of our new phonics scheme for just a couple of hours each week. Training will be provided by Mrs Bolton.

If you are interested, please leave your name and contact number at the school office and we will be in touch.

**Come and be part of the team!**

### **Website**

Look out for more information about our new website will be launched next week.

### **Second hand uniform**

We have a collection of items on the new shelves in our entrance area. Please drop donations into the box below.

### **Earrings**

The children are not allowed to do PE if they are wearing earrings. Ideally, they should not be worn in school. If they are worn the children should be able to remove and store the earrings independently.

### **Library news**

It was great to hear that lots of our children joined the Gadgeteers Summer Reading scheme. Please see below for a club run by the library.

