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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another great couple of weeks in school. We have been delighted by the number of parents and carers attending our Friday assembly. It's wonderful to have you in school. Thank you to everyone who made it to the phonics workshop last week. We will send information if you were unable to attend (Reception, Yr1 and Yr2). Please read the following information carefully. We have a number of important events ahead which we wouldn't want you to miss! Please also read some critical information on attendance.

Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest at St. Barnabas Church on Friday 6th October at 9.30am. Please join us if you would like to. Those children who are not attending will remain in school.

Additional needs review meetings

If your child has been identified as having additional needs you should have been invited to a meeting. Please contact your child's teacher if this has not happened.

Curriculum

The new curriculum has been launched. Your child is now being offered a fully sequenced and progressive curriculum for all curriculum subjects. Most subjects are delivered weekly, however RE is now being taught in blocks through themed days.

We are having difficulties sharing curriculum plans with you as our online providers reserve the right to protect their copyright. We are looking into what is the best solution to this and hope to update you very soon.

PE kit

This is a reminder that your child should wear their PE kit to school on the relevant days. This cuts down on changing time. Jake Sanderson, reports that the new PE equipment has arrived and he is now able to provide the full breadth of opportunities.

Forest School

Forest School has started for children in Reception and Year 1. Children should bring wellies, a waterproof coat and some waterproof trousers on the following days:

Reception: Wednesday

Year 1 : Thursday

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Music activities

The hills are once again alive with the sound of music. What a pleasure it is to hear the beautiful sounds coming from the choir and orchestra. It is not too late for children to join if they would like to. There are also places available for instrumental tuition. Please look out for emails from music tutors.

Governors

Work with the governing body is underway to move the school forwards quickly. Governors will shortly be contacting parents about appointing a new parent governor. Please look out for further details if you are interested.

Office Administration

To ensure that our school runs more efficiently, please could we ask all parents to communicate with the school office by email rather than telephoning or attending in person. We are experiencing a high level of interruptions which is preventing us from moving forward on some important developments. If you need to contact us in an emergency and we do not answer the phone, please leave a message and we will get back to you. Thank you for your understanding, it will make a big difference to building school capacity.

International Evening

International evening is on Wednesday 18th October at 6pm. Parents, staff and children are invited to wear national or regional costumes. We ask for donations of food to share, ideally to be eaten while standing as we hope to remain together in the hall this year. Please bring the food clearly labelled by country/region and by dietary category so that those who follow particular diets can partake (e.g. vegan, vegetarian, halal, kosher etc). Please note that we are a nut free school. A selection of children will be invited to take part in a small performance to begin proceedings. More details will follow.

Attendance

The attendance team will be completing spot checks on late arrivals. School starts at 8.45 am. Any child arriving in school after 8.50 am is late. From 8.55 am they will be marked as late in the register. Any child arriving after 9.15 am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Punctuality is very important for your child and the rest of the class, please set your alarms 10-20 minutes earlier if need be.

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Let's work together to get this right. All children have a right to a full education. Their absence or lateness causes disruption to them and to the rest of the class. Thank you for your understanding.

Dates for the term

Friday 6th October 9.30 am	Harvest Festival at St. Barnabas Church
Wednesday 18th October 6 pm	International Evening (children and parents)
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	Half term
7th/8th November	Parent teacher meetings
Friday 17th and Saturday 18th November	Open mornings (prospective parents)
Friday 1st December 9.15 - 10.45 am	Curriculum morning - open classrooms (parents and carers invited)
Wednesday 13th December 9.15 am	Seasonal songs (Nursery and Reception)
Wednesday 13th December 10.30 am	Pantomime in school (performed to the children by 'Panto in a Day')
Thursday 14th December 2 pm	School Nativity for parents (Years 1 and 2)
Friday 15th December (all day)	Children's bazaar (children only but adult helpers needed)
Monday 18th December 6 pm	School carol service (Years 3-6 and parents)
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas lunch and jumper day (children)
Wednesday 20th December 1 pm	Term Ends - no after school childcare or clubs

Have a good week.

Best wishes

Beccy Harris - Headteacher