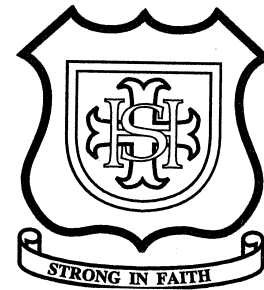


St. Herbert's RC Primary School

Autumn Term

8th October 2021



Dear Children, Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all your kind messages of support and encouragement as our children settle back into a new school year.

Charities

Thank you for your support with our Afghanistan Appeal for Caritas and our recent Foodbank Friday; Mrs Collins is thrilled that her food pantry is stocked up again!! PLEASE, if any families need assistance come and see us. We are all going through many challenges, at home and at work, and we will try to help where we can.

We will be holding another Foodbank Friday on 15th October for our Harvest Appeal; pupils can wear their own clothes, and we ask for any tin or packets of non-perishable items that you can donate (only if you are in a position to do so). Our pupil chaplains are going to suggest various charities where we can donate the food – thank you in advance for your donations.

Parents' Evening

Parent's Evening will be held on the 17th November – at present this will be via zoom due to the current increasing COVID rates. More details will be emailed nearer the time.

Flu Vaccination

A quick reminder that we are expecting the health team to be coming into school next Thursday 14th October to administer the flu vaccination (nasal spray for children).

Parking

As part of our Health and Safety Risk Assessments last year we did state that parents/carers must not use the staff car park at any time (including all pre and after school activities). There are several reasons for this, which all still remain, and I ask that you continue to support us with this. We have requested an extension to our car park for many years, and will continue to present our case for a larger parking area to the Diocese. Please can you pass this message on to anybody collecting your child(ren).

Winter

As we approach winter, and as part of our school risk assessments, we have to ensure good ventilation within the school and classrooms. Hence windows are open, and when we can doors too (within reason). Therefore, please can you ensure that children always have their jumpers/cardigans, and also consider layers underneath their uniform to keep them warm ie: vests, tights etc. Thank you for your support.

Lunchboxes and snacks

A quick reminder that we are a Healthy School, and do hold the Healthy Schools Award. As part of this programme we strive to encourage healthy lifestyles including healthy eating. Therefore we only allow fruit or vegetables as a snack in KS2, at breaktime, together with water only in their water bottle (EY and KS1 have their fruit and milk provided). We also ask that children do not bring in chocolate (of any kind including chocolate spread) or sweets in their packed lunches. Crisps should also be of the baked variety. Thank you for supporting our school in this area.

Footwear

Parents have asked for clarification on footwear; our school uniform states school shoes only. As the winter months approach, children can wear boots/wellington boots to come to school and change into their school shoes at school.

Clean up appeal!

We have previously come together as a community to clear the area next to school (between school and the Hunt Lane estate). We had made significant progress just prior to Lockdown, and restrictions put a halt to the works planned.

We are now in a position to resume works; the plans are to create a forest area where pupils can learn various knowledge and skills. We have been awarded lottery funding, but we ideally don't want to use all the funds on the clean up element of the project. We have a team clearing the bulk of the over grown area in the next couple of weeks, and we are asking for any help from our school community to complete the clear up on the 2nd November (shovels and wellies at the ready!!). Any help you can give during this day, please contact school and let us know, so we know how many and who to expect.

We will be so grateful for any support you can give.

We have such a supportive school community, and we thank you for all your support in all areas of school life.

School closes for half-term on Friday 22nd October and re-opens Monday 1st November 2021.

We hope you have a lovely half-term,

Kind Regards

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