



Dear Parents,

I cannot thank you enough for your kind and generous donations for our Harvest celebration. The Foodbank were overwhelmed - they attended school twice to collect 2 full van loads. I asked the children to thank you on the day so hopefully some of them remembered.



It was lovely to see so many parents attend the class assembly for 6DS. I particularly enjoyed watching the children's satisfaction with themselves when they remembered their words.

Year 1 appeared to thoroughly enjoy their trip to the seaside yesterday. As they left, children were very excited to be travelling by train. Staff commented on their excellent behaviour both when travelling and whilst at the beach. The sun shone in Chalkwell and when returning to school in the afternoon they were a happy but tired group.



Book Fayre

The school will be hosting a Scholastic book fayre on Wednesday and Thursday during Parents Evening. The more books parents purchase, the more free books school receives. We will also be selling study guides. Cash only please.

After School Provision

Thank you for expressing an interest in an after school provision - we received five paper responses and seven google responses. I will contact the organisation and let you know in relation to the next steps.

School Trips

Closing dates to return all permission slips and payment for Year 5 trip to the Tower of London is 9am on Thursday 20th October and Year 4 trip to the Barbican is 9am on Thursday 3rd November 2022.

Free School Meals

Please apply if you are entitled (see below) **even if your child is in KS1**. If your application is successful this means that additional funding streams will become available to the school for the next budget.

If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals after reception and years 1 and 2 but also for extra support whilst in those years.

Income support, Income based Jobseekers Allowance, Income related Employment Support Allowance, Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income of less than £16,190, Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit (your household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you receive)

If it is confirmed that your child is entitled to free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2022. There will be no need to inform your school or the council if your personal circumstances change.



Dates for your diary

Phonics Workshop - Yr R

Reception Phonics Workshop for parents is Monday 31st October at 8.35am in the KS2 hall.

Please wait in the hub and we will let you in.

Yr 6 Parent only talks

Don't forget there are Yr 6 parent only sex education talks on Friday 21st October at 8.30am and 3pm. This is your opportunity to understand exactly what your child will be learning.

Half Term

School is closed for Half Term from Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October.

Inset Days

School is closed to pupils for INSET days on

Friday 21st October and Friday 4th November 2022.

We wish you a happy half term and for those of you celebrating, enjoy your Diwali celebrations.



H.R. Harrow
Head Teacher