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## **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to everyone who sent in food donations for the Waterlooville Food Bank. These have now been collected and will be distributed to people in the local area who, because of a crisis in their lives, are struggling to provide themselves and/or their families with food. A member of this organisation, Deborah, has been in to school to explain the work that they do to our children. We had a fabulous Harvest Celebration in which all the children took part.



## STOP PRESS! CHRISTMAS CAULIFLOWER CARD PROJECT

Deadline Extended!!! You can place orders until Sunday 4 November. Please ensure your artwork is handed to your class teacher by Thursday 8 November. Your order will be delivered to school early in December. Please support our school to raise funds for our new library.

## **Recent Open Morning**

During our open morning yesterday, some of our Year 1 and Year 2 children welcomed our visitors and answered their questions about our school for parents of children starting school in September 2019. They were a real credit to our school and I am very proud of them. The feedback from parents attending was that they were helpful, friendly and confident and acted as good ambassadors for our school. Well done to all those Year1 and Year 2 children.

## Poppies - Remembrance Day 11 November

Poppies and other items will be available for children to buy each day in school when we return after the half term break. The poppies will be taken to each class and children should keep their money in their book bags. Please provide envelopes so money is not lost!

This year we have once again been provided with a school box containing various items which the children can purchase. The friendship bracelets are priced at £1.00, the reflector, ruler and wrist bands are 50p and the eraser, pencil sharpener and pencil are 25p and these can be obtained from the school office (the children will be able to buy these during the school day). Please note that we will only have a limited number of some of the items so these will be available on a first come, first served basis.



## Year 2 Poppy Making

To mark the end of the World War 1 Centenary the children in Year 2 will be making their very own poppies. They would be grateful to receive clean 2 litre clear plastic bottles for their display, preferably with the labels removed. Please can you send these in via your child's class teacher and not through the school office.

School Photographs will be taken on Friday 2 November. Please ensure that your child is in school uniform with their hair etc as you would like it for their photograph. If your child has a sibling – *in our school (not the junior school)* and you would like them photographed together, please add their names to the sign-up sheet in the school office. If this is not possible, please can you send in a letter stating the names and classes of both children and marked "photograph with sibling required"

#### Year 1 Literacy/History

After half term, Year 1 children will be learning about toys. To launch our topic, we would like all children to choose 1 toy to bring to school that can be shared with their class. When selecting this toy, please encourage your child to choose something that does not have lots of bits and one that your child is happy to leave at school for a few weeks. Please do not send in precious, valuable toys or ones that will be greatly missed. We will of course keep the toys as safe as we can while they are in school. Thank you. The toys will be needed by Friday 2 November 2018.

#### **Reporting Absence**

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<u>https://studybugs.com/about/parents</u>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

#### Forest School Sessions: Week 1 – PLEASE CHECK LETTER SENT OUT AS GROUPS HAVE CHANGED

When we return after half term Blackbirds' Class will have forest school on Wednesday afternoon and Kingfishers' Class on Thursday Morning and Eagles' class on Thursday afternoon. Please can you ensure that you send in their forest school clothing. A reminder that we have aligned your child's class with the lunch week menu.

#### Lunch Menu

New menus have been sent home earlier this week. The Menu when we return after the half term break will be: Week 1. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: <u>menu</u>. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

The school will close today, Friday 19 October, at 3.15pm for the half term break. School will reopen on **Monday 29 October** at 8.45am.

I hope that you enjoy the half term break with your children and look forward to welcoming back happy and refreshed children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret Headteacher