

Dear Families,

How is it already October?

We have had another wonderful week in school. On Monday our Year 5 and 6 children set off to Robinwood in pouring rain. I don't think the rain abated too much during their stay but nevertheless it doesn't seem to have dampened their spirits any. Although tired when they returned home, the children in both schools have been telling me about the challenges they faced and overcame. We are all so incredibly proud of them all!

In the spirit of continuing the return to business as usual, we have taken the decision to take the children from both schools to Stockeld Park again. This is something we know was enjoyed by children in all classes two years ago. We are waiting for confirmation from the park but since this visit is expensive, we wanted to give advanced notice. We anticipate that the visit will cost in the region of £15 per pupil and the activities will be similar to last time. At the moment we are hoping for this to go ahead on Wednesday 1st December.

Next week, Thursday 7th October, the kitchen is offering a special lunch. This is called Poetry Day lunch and lunches can be ordered in the usual way, even if your child is usually a packed lunch.

Next Friday, Year 6 pupils at Warthill have been invited to decorate the church for the Harvest services. This will of course mean that the church is beautiful for our own service on Wednesday 13th October. We are always very appreciative of your generosity at Harvest time. On this occasion, rather than bring goods, we would ask that any donations made could be added to the church collection for Carecent. There will be a collection plate in church on the day.

Mrs Harrison has visited both our schools today and talked to the children about sending gifts to Romania again. I mentioned this in last week's letter and today I am able to send a copy of the leaflet home in book bags listing the kinds of items which could be included. Last time your gifts allowed us to send a great many boxes which were very well received in time for Christmas. We will be packing these boxes on October 14th.

With regards to the Covid situation, we thank you for your continued vigilance and willingness to have children and other family members tested to keep our community safe. Keep doing what you are doing!

Sending you every best wish,

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