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Dear Parent

Over the next two weeks in assembly we will be thinking about Harvest and how we can share what we have and help others. On Tuesday we had a talk from a speaker from the Spotlight on Africa charity. She told the children all about the work the volunteers do in Uganda helping to build and fund schools, providing clean drinking water, training health workers and setting up farms.

Further information will be sent home next week about the charity and the fund raising event that we will be taking part in as part of our Harvest support.

Sharing Assemblies

Sharing assemblies will be starting shortly. For those of you who are new to the school each class takes a turn to present a sharing assembly to their phase group and to you. This is an opportunity for the children to share with each other learning activities that they have been undertaking in their class. Each class takes a turn once every half year to present an assembly to their phase group. These assemblies are held on a Thursday at 8.55am and parents are invited to their own child's class assembly. When it is your child's class assembly you will receive a letter on the Friday of the week before the assembly inviting you to attend.

I do realise that at times it is difficult for parents to attend an assembly with only one week's notice but if you are unable to attend we are always pleased to see another family member or friend of the family. As sharing assemblies reflect what is going on in the class at that point in time and are only prepared a couple of days in advance, we are not able to give more notice as we have to work around staff training, absence and events in school that can change quickly.

Parent Helpers in School

If you feel that you would be available to help in school on a regular basis we would be pleased to hear from you. Any adult helping in school will need to undertake a DBS check which we can organise and we would need to take up references. We would not normally get a parent to help in the same class as their child and could not allow babies or toddlers in school during the school day. If you feel that you can help at any time please collect a DBS form from Mrs Brown in the office. We will then add you to our database and call on you when needed. If you are already on our list you do not need to complete the form again.

We do have a team of parent volunteers who come into school on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 2.45pm to hear children read so if you are DBS checked and we have your reference and you are able to help at this time we would be pleased to see you on Monday 9th or Tuesday 10th October at 2.45pm.

Bilingual Parents Group

If you are a bilingual or trilingual parent and would like to meet other parents, find new friends, share your stories, concerns or ideas about maintaining and speaking two or more languages come along and meet others over a cup of coffee. The first meeting will be held on Thursday 12th October at 9am in the Community Room.

Safety

It is so important that children learn to cross the road safely and develop a good sense of road awareness so that when they need to do this independently they have the necessary skills. It is therefore really disappointing to see children with their parents running across the road in the mornings and afternoons. The school is extremely fortunate to have two pedestrian crossings within 100 metres of the entrance to use so there should be no need to dodge the traffic and put yourself and your child at risk by running across the road. It has been noted this term that some parents have been pulling up on the pavement outside the school to drop off for breakfast club which is also particularly dangerous.

Wedding Bells

Miss Mawhood is getting married on October 14th so we would like to wish her well for her wedding day. We hope that the weather is good and that all goes to plan. When she returns to school she will be Mrs Boothby.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

There will be Parent/Teacher consultations on Tuesday 17th October 5-8pm and on Thursday 19th October 4 -7pm. If you wish to discuss your child's progress you may make an appointment to do so with the Class Teacher during one of the time bands.

There is a time allocation of **10 minutes** per consultation so please be flexible in your choice and offer at least one alternative time band so that we can arrive at a workable solution. If you have more than one child in school, please send back one slip for each child and give details of both children's classes to help the teachers schedule the appointments as close as possible. Please note that if slips are returned late you will be slotted in where there is available space.

Everyone who requests an appointment time with the class teacher will receive a slip with their appointment time on it. On these evenings the pupil entrance gates will be open and you will be able to access the school in the same way that you do each day. As the appointment slots are only 10 minutes each I would ask you to be as prompt as possible for your appointment. Your child's work will be out on the tables in the circulation areas; downstairs for Reception and Year 1 parents and upstairs for Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 parents and will be available for you to have a look at either before or after your appointment and I do ask that you only view your own child's work please. The class teachers will hold the consultations in their classrooms and will come and collect you from the circulation area at the appropriate time.

For an appointment please complete the attached reply slip. All slips need to be returned by Wednesday 11th October.

Your sincerely

Mrs J Goddard

Headteacher

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Parent/Teacher Consultations

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Sibling's Name: _____ Class: _____

Sibling's Name: _____ Class: _____

Preferred Times:

Tuesday 17th October

5.00pm - 5.30pm

5.30pm - 6.00pm

6.00pm - 6.30pm

6.30pm - 7.00pm

7.00pm - 7.30pm

7.30pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 19th October

4.00pm - 4.30pm

4.30pm - 5.00pm

5.00pm - 5.30pm

5.30pm - 6.00pm

6.00pm - 6.30pm

6.30pm - 7.00pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____