St Mary's CE Primary School

'Trust in the Lord and Flourish' (Proverbs 11:28)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to inform you of some key events that will be coming up soon.

HARVEST

We plan to celebrate our school Harvest Festival on **Thursday 28th September at 2pm**. The Harvest service will be held at **St Mary Magdalene Church** and be led by our pupils in years 3 and 4. Parents of year 3 and 4 pupils are welcome to join us for the service if they wish. Unfortunately, due to fire regulations and space restrictions in church, we need to restrict numbers to 1 adult per child.

Our Harvest appeal will support the Albrighton Food bank and we would therefore ask that food donations be brought into school on this day. The food bank is asking for the following items in particular: breakfast cereals, tinned meat products, tinned tuna, tinned potatoes, pasta sauces, toilet rolls, cordial – small bottles, dishwashing liquid, long-life semi-skimmed milk, sugar, pasta, rice. We would hope to be able to make a plentiful donation to support those individuals or families who are in crisis in our own community.

LEARNING TOGETHER SESSIONS FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Parents of children in Reception class are invited to attend one of our '*Learning Together'* sessions. Sessions will take place on **Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 1pm, or Thursday 26th October at 1pm** (parents should attend only one of the sessions). Please inform the school office if you would like to attend one of the sessions.

PARENT'S EVENING

Parent's Evening will be on **Thursday 16th November starting at 3.30pm**. This will be held in school and is a face to face meeting with your child's teacher. This is a 5 minute appointment to discuss how your child is settling into their new class. A link to book your time slot will be sent out nearer the time.

DIWALI

We will be having a whole school Diwali day on **Friday 17th November**. On this day, children will be off-timetable and completing a variety of learning activities to help them gain further knowledge and understanding of the Hindu festival of Diwali. Children are invited to come into school wearing either bright colours or traditional Indian dress on this day and to make a £1 voluntary contribution payable on sQuid please. This contribution will go towards the cost of an external dance company we have commissioned to lead Bollywood dancing sessions for all classes. The kitchen will also be offering a 'Diwali' inspired menu on this day. We look forward to an exciting day ahead.

Mrs Milhavy-Jones
Headteacher

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