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Dear Parents,

Friday 23rd September 2022

Harvest

As in previous years we will be collecting harvest donations for The Vale Foodbank and I am sure you will agree this is a very worthy cause. Members of The Foodbank will be coming into school to explain to the children all about their work and Father Andrew will also be joining us for a special Harvest service in school. If you would like to contribute, we will be collecting for the foodbank from next Wednesday 28th September. Please see the top ten items on the list. (Please do not send in items before this date). Many thanks for your support with this.



Church Visits

In previous years, we have invited children to take part in the service at St Peter's Church at 10:30 on Sundays. The children's teacher will prepare with the children in school and then we ask parents to bring the children to church on the day. Throughout the year, different classes will have the opportunity to present to the congregation. The first ones to take place will be **Y4 on 23rd October** and **Y3 on 20th November** and I will keep you posted on the others later in the year.

Meet the Teacher

These have been a great success so far and I hope parents in Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 will be able to join us next week. Next week, once all the sessions have finished, we will send out the presentations and also put them on the website. Due to limited space in the classrooms it would be preferable if only parents could attend please.

	4.45 – 5.15	5.20 – 5.50
MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER	Reception	Year 2
TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER	Year 5	

School Car Park and Lay-by

For safety reasons, we do not allow parents/carers to park in the layby or school car park. Please note this includes for Breakfast and After School Clubs. Also, please use the pedestrian path and gate rather than cutting through the car park. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Intervention and Booster Groups (Repeated message)

Emails/Pings will be coming home to some parents with regards to literacy and numeracy interventions and booster groups. As a school, we feel strongly that short programmes of intervention can have a very positive impact on a learner's attainment and this has been proven by results over previous years. Whilst some of these sessions are aimed at supporting those with additional learning needs, many of the groups we run are booster groups which target a variety of pupils of all abilities in order to raise attainment and in effect give their learning a 'boost'. We are trying to ensure every child gets the best possible chance to reach their full potential and currently have over 40 places in these groups. I thank Mrs Bayliss, Mrs Bounds and the support staff for their hard work in setting up and running the groups.

Message from the PTA – Planting Project (Repeated)

Join us at School on Saturday 1st October between 2pm and 4pm to help us plant up our new planters on the junior playground and see the results of all our fundraising efforts last year on our Great Outdoors Project. As well as the planting, there will be a range of other nature based activities taking place to keep you and your little ones entertained. This free event is for the whole school community. We will be joined by Dinas Powys Wild about Nature and their fantastic volunteers. We look forward to seeing you!

The school diary is filling up and we will update School Ping, but in the meantime, you may wish to note the following:

Weds 28th September – Individual Photos (Y1/Y3 can wear uniform on top but still joggers/trainers)

Sat 1st October – PTA Planting Day – 2-4pm

Mon 17th October – PTA AGM – 6-7pm at the school.

Sun 23rd October – Y4 Contribution to St Peter's Service at 10:30

w/c 24th October – Parent-Teacher meetings

31st Oct – 4th November – HALF TERM

Sun 20th November – Y3 Contribution to St Peter's Service at 10:30

Tues 13th December – Infant Nativity at 1:30pm

Weds 14th December – Infant Nativity at 9:30am

Weds 14th December – Junior Carol Service at 1:30pm (St Peter's)

Weds 21st December – Last Day of Term

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher

Our value this half term is Thankfulness:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (Psalms 100:4)