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To All Parents / Carers,

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to report that we have had another busy week with children settling into new routines in school. We continue to be extremely pleased with the children's respectful and responsible behaviour and adherence to the measures that ensure we can continue learning safely at school.



Here We Are

During the last two weeks children have enjoyed taking part in a whole school project inspired by the book 'Here We Are' by award-winning author Oliver Jeffers. Every class in the school has read the story in English and French and we have used it as an inspiring opportunity to reflect on our responsibility to look after our beautiful world and to keep each other safe. We have shared our experiences of lockdown and how we feel to be back in school. We have reflected on what is the same and what is different in school and although we now work in our year group bubbles, we have reminded ourselves that we are all part of the school community. The text has inspired us in writing and in Art. Do ask your child about what they have been learning.



Harvest

Due to the current restrictions we are unable to celebrate Harvest Festival in the usual way at St John's Church. For the next two weeks the theme of our class collective worship is Harvest and we will be reflecting on all that we are grateful for, for the beautiful world in which we live and for the food we have to eat. Children will be painting pictures, writing prayers and singing songs relating to Harvest in English and French and we plan to have a virtual Harvest Celebration on **Monday 5th October**. We will be in touch shortly with details of how you can join with us. As is our usual tradition, we will be inviting children to bring an item to school for donation to Harrow Food Bank. Children should bring any donation to school on Monday 5th October. For details of current requests from the foodbank please see <https://harrow.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> . This is regularly updated with current requirements. Please note that perishables should not be brought for donation. There will be boxes for donations at the pupil entrances. We would be keen to hear from any parents who can volunteer during the week commencing the 5th October to support us in delivering our donations to Harrow Food Bank.



Arriving at School on Time.

Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive by 8:55am. It is important to us that each child is welcomed and that they are settled and ready for learning. As soon as children arrive in school, they clean their hands and begin learning activities. Children who arrive after 8:55am require staff to leave their usual duties to support their arrival. Arriving late is upsetting for children and negatively impacts their start to the day. Please leave plenty of time for your journey and consider using our breakfast club provision if this is supportive. Thank you for your support in ensuring every child has a positive start to the day.



Donations of Tissues

Thank you for the donations of tissues for use in school. We are always pleased to receive them. Please send any further donations in with your children.

Thank you for your on-going support. I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Revd. Daniel Norris
Executive Headteacher