



Dates for your diary:

- 18.10.22 Food bank collection following our Harvest festival celebrations.
- 18.10.22 Halloween disco in school
- 20.10.22 Harvest Festival at St. Mark's – morning, 10am all welcome
- 21.10.22 Show racism the red card day in school.
- 24.10.22 – 28.10.22 – Half term
- 31.10.22 PD day – school closed to pupils

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

We are hosting our annual food bank collection service at school to try to support those within the community who are struggling. We will place a table in the front entrance for any packets or dried foods or tins to go to the local foodbank. We are working with Footsteps in the community who will collect the food collected, making sure that it goes to those who need it most. Thank you are always for giving what you can.

Half term & PD Day

We hope everyone has a lovely half term please remember we will be closed on 31st October for a PD day – school re-opens on the 1st November.

Attendance

Following on from my email about the importance of attendance, going forward we will publish the weekly class attendance figures. We don't want poorly children in school, but are always keen to encourage excellent attendance from our pupils. (Data is from last week)

Reception	94.3%
Year 1	90.4%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	100%

Show racism the red card event.

We will be focussing on racism and living in a fair and transparent world on Friday. Please ask your child to come dressed in something red. There is no donation for this event.

Many thanks

Darker night/colder weather

As the days get colder, we ask you to make sure that children bring with them a coat, hat and scarf (all named please). If children are walking home, a reflective strip on their coat also helps when the nights get dark and they can then be seen on the path. Many thanks



SHOE BOX APPEAL

Due to the success of last year, we are trying to support families again this Christmas. Boxes need to be finished and sent off by 14th November. We have 50 boxes plus leaflets at home. We can order more if needed.

We are going to give each class a bag-for-life, so that children can bring as small/large a contribution as they feel able – so you don't need to fill the whole box.

Samaritan's Purse ask for a £5 donation per box so if people would prefer to donate financially, then I would make sure that each box contained £5 plus an appropriate sticker - girl/boy/age.

We would love you to choose your gift from the following list:

a special gift to keep and play with e.g. doll/soft toy/small car/puzzle/ball/skipping rope yo-yo/musical instrument school supplies e.g.

pens/pencils/sharpener/crayons/felt tips/ stamps/ note book/writing pad/solar calculator/colouring books etc. hygiene items e.g. toothbrush (not electric)/wrapped up soap/comb/brush/flannel other things e.g.

hat/gloves/scarf/sunglasses/cap/socks/Tshirt/flipflops/ watch, wind-up torch/hair bobbles

If you would like a shoe box please let us know.