



Head's Lines

Friday 10th October 2023

Issue: 5

Dates for your diary:

- 2.10.23 Year 6 swimming begins for two weeks
- 10.10.23 Hello yellow day – mental health awareness day – please wear yellow (only one item, don't buy anything new) and donate to this amazing charity.
- 11.10.23 school photograph day – smile please! We will invite babies of siblings in at the beginning of the day for photographs with older siblings in school.
- 19.10.23 Harvest festival in St Mark's church 10.00am – all welcome.
- 24.10.23 Halloween disco
- 27.10.23 Free dress day – no money donation please, instead could we ask for a bottle or chocolate for our future PTA events.
- 21-22 November – parents' evening

Attendance

Attendance will continue to be a key focus of this academic year. We will monitor all children's attendance as children who are in school, learn more and are more equipped for life-long experiences. This week's attendance is as follows:

Reception	100%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	82%
Year 5	97%
Year 6 A	97%
Year 6 B	99%

Hello yellow day – Tuesday 10th October.

We invite your child to come to school in their own clothes with/or wearing something yellow. Please do not buy anything new. We will spend the day thinking about our own healthy mental health and how important it is to talk about our feelings.

Operation Christmas child

We are delighted to be supporting this initiative where children living in difficult circumstances around the world will get a Christmas present from the UK. We have some boxes, so if you would like one please let us know. Equally, due to the cost of living, we invite families just to donate something new and we will make boxes between us as a school. Or a monetary donation towards the £5.00 shipping fee.

Ideas for the box include: special items like a doll, cuddle toy, skipping ropes, yoyos, toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, socks, sunglasses – whatever you are able to spare.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause. So that they arrive in time for Christmas, the final date for collections would be the 10th November.

Harvest festival

St Mark's church – 10.00am

Please come and join us for our Harvest Festival in church on Thursday 19th October. There will be songs and a few readings by year six and an opportunity to meet our new vicar Reverend Julie as she tells us all about the importance of Harvest. We hope you can come along and join us.

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

I've had a couple of parents come and ask about our lockdown drills. We have been practicing these for the past two years just as we would the fire drill. A lockdown drill would be where we need to get the children inside quickly living so close to chemical works. We explain to children that this is nothing to worry about but an essential part of our practices in keeping children safe. They move quickly into school and then into their classroom, moving away from the door. Please come and see me if you have any concerns – this is a statutory element of safety in any school.