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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our MacMillan coffee morning and our Harvest Celebrations. The coffee morning, which our Year 6 pupils did a fantastic job of organising, raised over £600 which is amazing. The donations which you sent for Harvest will be delivered to The Hope Centre in our school mini bus on Wednesday October 16th. I know that they will be delighted with the amount we have and it is lovely to know that we will make a real difference for the local people who use the centre.

Our Year 6 pupils hosted a tea party for local residents during the afternoon of our Harvest Celebrations day. The pupils performed their assembly and the Year 6 pupils served refreshments and entertained our guests in between performances with conversation and some very funny jokes! They were wonderful hosts and our guests had a lovely afternoon. It was great to welcome members of our local community into school.

Drop off and Pick up Arrangements

It is very congested around the main doors first thing in the morning and this makes it difficult for teachers to see all of their children and difficult for pupils to enter school in their lines. Some children are becoming upset and a calmer area around the doors would help I think. Therefore, we are going to try a new arrangement which will start after half term. Pupils in Reception will go into school the same way as they come out in the evenings. Miss Lockey/Mrs Stevens will come out to collect them at 8.50am. Year 1 will go into their classroom through their outdoor area. They will line up along the fence which surrounds it. Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 will line up at the main doors as they do now. Once the bell goes at 8.50am, if you could leave your child in the line to come in with their class and their school adult that would really help to relieve the congestion and make for an easier transition into school for the children. Thank you for your cooperation; we will monitor the new system and see if it helps.

Photographs

When your children joined our school, you signed a statement to say you would ensure that "photographs taken will be for home use only and will NOT be published anywhere, including social media networks and sites with public access." Some parents have chosen not to allow their children to be photographed. This may be for a number of reasons but it may sometimes be because there are concerns around safeguarding which mean that photos in the public domain could cause issues for that pupil and their parents/carers. As a school, we are obviously aware of those pupils who do not have permission to be photographed but as parents, you are not. Can I therefore please remind you that you should not put photographs or videos on sites such as facebook or Whatsapp as they can be downloaded and shared.



HEADTEACHER: MRS J MARDELL



Parents Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place on October 22nd and 23rd. Lists of appointment times have been put on the doors by the school office. If you drop off or collect your child, please ensure that you have signed your name against a convenient appointment time. If you are not able to come into school, please ring or email the school office and they will book the appointment for you. It is important that you attend in order to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher and ways in which you can support them at home.

Assemblies

Just a reminder that there will be no assembly this Friday as our Key Stage 2 children will be at the theatre.

Secondary School Places

Just a reminder that the deadline of 5pm on 31st October 2019 for secondary school applications is fast approaching. If you do have a child in Year 6, please ensure you have submitted your application by this time.

Coats

Unfortunately, the weather is becoming colder and damper now. We do still have quite a few children who do not have a coat in school. We do try to take the children outside at break and lunchtimes whenever possible so please could you ensure that your child does have a coat to wear. Thank you.

Moulton Literary Festival

Moulton Literary Festival is taking place on Saturday 9th November at Moulton Library and Community Centre. As part of Kids Fest, the author Polly Ho-Yen (author of The Boy in the Tower) will be holding a doodle workshop. There will also be workshops, author talks, book signings, competitions, book club, stalls and crafts. You can find more information online at <https://moultonlitfest.wixsite.com/moultonlitfest/about>. There is also a writing competition for children under 16. The theme is 'Behind the door' and should be no more than 500 words. All the details can be found on the website:

<https://moultonlitfest.wixsite.com/moultonlitfest/competitions>.

Kind Regards



Mrs Janice Mardell
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