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Newsletter – Autumn term ① 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

All the children settled back into the school year quickly and the hard work is gathering momentum. The children look smart in their school uniform and we aim with you to keep up this high standard.

Learning

You will have received a curriculum letter detailing the areas of study for your child this term and expectations around homework. If there are any questions or clarification needed relating to homework, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with the class teacher. We are here to help.

Curriculum meetings for Parents/Carers

If you are able, please drop into these sessions. Feedback is always positive. So far this term a Reception and Year 1 Phonics and Spelling meeting has been held.

Home-School Agreement

Please take a moment to read and discuss this with your child. Actually it is basic common sense however refreshing our memories of these expectations will make an important difference to your child's overall outcomes at school.

Dressing-up Day

This was a great day! The children (and staff!) looked amazing as their Roald Dahl characters, clearly a lot of effort was put into the costumes by our parents! As well as raising money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, another purpose of the day was of course to promote books and the love of reading and what better than with the stories of Roald Dahl, all of whom have a child as the hero of the story. In fact, The BFG is currently being shown at the Vue cinema.

Harvest donations – Week commencing 10th October

Once again this year we will be collecting for 'Thurrock foodbank' which is a local charity providing emergency food and support for individuals and families across the borough.

Items of food Thurrock foodbank collect are:

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| <i>Milk (UHT or powdered)</i> | <i>Tinned tomatoes</i> | <i>Tinned fruit</i> |
| <i>Sugar</i> | <i>Cereals</i> | <i>Jam</i> |
| <i>Fruit juice (long life only)</i> | <i>Tinned Rice pudding</i> | <i>Biscuits/Snack bars</i> |
| <i>Soup</i> | <i>Tea bags/Instant coffee</i> | |
| <i>Pasta sauces</i> | <i>Instant mash potato</i> | |
| <i>Tinned sponge pudding</i> | <i>Tinned meat/fish</i> | |

We would be grateful for any of the above.

Autumn Term Dates

Tuesday 1 st November:	Parent Consultations – Years 1-6
Thursday 3 rd November:	<i>No clubs this week</i>
Tuesday 4 th October:	9.15 a.m. KS1 Maths – Parents meeting 2.00p.m. KS2 Maths – Parents meeting
Week commencing 10 th October:	Any donations for Thurrock Food Bank
Tuesday 11 th October:	} 2.00 p.m. KS1 & KS2 – Keeping your child safe on-line Reception : Road Safety Walk
Wednesday 12 th October:	
Thursday 13 th October:	} 2.00 p.m. KS1 & KS2 Writing – Parents meeting
Friday 21 st October:	
Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October:	Non-uniform Day – raising money for NSPCC/Children in Need (<i>Voluntary donations please</i>)
Monday 31 st October:	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 31 st October:	Non-pupil Inset Day (<i>No clubs or Boosters this week</i>)
Tuesday 1 st November:	<u>NO NURSERY PUPILS:</u> Additional Inset Day for Nursery ONLY
Friday 11 th November:	Years 5/6 : Vue Cinema – <i>Kubo and the two strings (PG)</i>
Thursday 17 th November:	Years 3/4 : Vue Cinema – <i>The Secret Life of Pets (U)</i>
Friday 18 th November:	Year 2 : Vue Cinema – <i>Finding Dory (U)</i>

December diary dates to follow

Health and Safety Arrangements

It has come to our attention that a minority of pupils are being dropped off by parents earlier than the permitted drop-off time of 8.40 a.m.-8.50 a.m. when supervision begins. Pupils entering the site before this time will be placed into Breakfast Club Wraparound and parents will be charged £3.00 a day accordingly. This will include children who are transported to school by public transport.

Child Care at Breakfast Club runs from 7.45 a.m. and costs £3.00 daily. No pre-booking is required.

On-line Payment System

As you are aware, the school are to move to a new, more efficient on-line payment provider by Agora which we had hoped to be ready for September. The ICT technicians are still working on the installation of the software for this system but we are hopeful that it will be available to you very soon. In the meantime, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Nursery and Reception Parents

To make the morning drop-off and afternoon collection of your child easier you will have noticed that you are now able to walk through the Reception garden at the beginning and end of the school day.

The reason the gates were closed at these times was due to parents allowing their child to use the outdoor learning equipment unsupervised. Children are **not** permitted to use any of the equipment in the Early Years Garden before or after school. Please do not allow your children to use the equipment so that this convenient drop-off and collection arrangement may continue.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Susan Cook
Headteacher