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Dear Parent/Carer

Harvest Festival

Next week we will be celebrating harvest with a trail for parents/carers on Thursday morning at 9am at Church Street and 1.30 at Moor Lane. If you have more than one child and only want to attend one event, please go to Church Street in the morning and we will take your child up to Moor Lane afterwards.

We will also be collecting food to send to East Durham food bank, all donations gratefully accepted, please send goods in with your child so that we can arrange for the collection to be sent to this great cause.

Poppies

Poppies from the British Legion will be on sale from Monday on both sites. Please send donations in with your child.

Halloween Day

Next Friday we will be celebrating Halloween with lots of spooky activities in school for your child. Children may come to school in Halloween costumes (please do not send axes or accessories), non-uniform or uniform.

Open Evenings

We will be holding open evenings for anyone who is thinking of sending their child to our school for Nursery (for 2 or 3 year olds) or Reception (September 2026 start) on Tuesday 11th November or Thursday 13th November 4pm-6pm. No appointment is necessary just come along and meet us and have a look at our provision.

Medical Information

Can you please speak to a member of school staff if your child suffers from any allergies, even if they do not need to take medication in school, we do need to be aware of these. We requested a copy of your child's asthma plan before the summer holidays, if you have not already brought this into school can we please ask that you do so as soon as possible. Medical information must be updated on an annual basis for your child, including signed consent for medications given in school eg. Inhalers.

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Mobile Phones

There has been a very serious incident outside of school hours with online safety that has come to light in school this week. I feel very concerned that I need to say that adults or children circulating images of children without parental consent maybe committing a criminal offence. Our job in school is to keep children safe and I am sure that is what we all want for children. I urge you to check your child's phone if they have one and be vigilant about any groups or apps they use. It is a parent/carer responsibility to ensure electronic devices are being used safely and in an age appropriate way. Please check age restrictions on apps being used and content shared.

Our Lead Ambassadors have produced a mobile phone charter. If your child breaches any part of this they may receive a mobile phone ban. This will be sent out on Monday. To clarify children are not banned from bringing phones to school at this point but must sign the charter and follow the expectations in it. Phones must not be used to share images inside or outside of school and phones must be handed in at the start of the school day and switched off.

If you need to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Marie-Louise Binks

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