



Dear Parents

## A message from the Head of School

The recent fog and the beautiful colour of the changing leaves are reminders that summer is now behind us and we can begin to look forward to all the exciting events that autumn and winter bring. As I walk around the schools now, I can hear refrains of songs about cabbages, conkers and cauliflowers so Harvest must be upon us. We will be going to the church on Monday (9<sup>th</sup>) for our Harvest Festival, so please put some extra goodies in your shopping trolleys this weekend for our food bank collection. Please see below for more information about our Harvest Celebrations.

### Harvest

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be attending a service with the Junior school at St James' Church. This will be for the children only as the two schools will fill the church!

Year R will have their own service in school that day.

Suggested food donations:

- Tinned tuna
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned Spaghetti, Macaroni Cheese and Ravioli
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding and custard
- Tea, coffee, sugar (not catering sizes)
- Long life milk
- Squashes
- Jams, Nutella
- Breakfast cereals
- Biscuits
- Sweets

**Please do not send in fresh fruit and vegetables or dried pasta**

We are well into the term and everyone is back into the routines and joys of school life. I have met with teachers to discuss pupil progress and we are very pleased with the quality of work that the children are already producing – long may the hard work continue. We thank you for the support you give to your children, especially with tasks like reading and learning tables.

Next week the Infants will be taking part in drama workshops so be prepared for dramatic re-enactments at home! At the Juniors, Year 6 will be having a visiting artist on Tuesday to look at upcycling craft activities. Also, some of our Year 5 and 6 children will be attending a writing workshop. Lots of exciting things to look forward to later in the term too.

*Growing, caring and learning together*



## **Braiswick Photographic**

Braiswick photographers are coming into school on Tuesday 30 October to take individual photographs of the children.

## **Cooler weather**

As the temperature falls, children are starting to bring in more warm clothes such as hats and gloves. Please ensure that these are clearly named and so that they can be returned to your child if lost.

## **Drop off and pick up**

Please ensure that younger siblings are closely supervised before and after school. They should not be climbing on rails nor running around the trees and bushes. Thank you.

## **Car Parking**

Please do not drive into school to drop off or collect pupils. The car park is very busy and it is unsafe to have cars moving when the children are about.

Our neighbours at Shrublands Court have asked us to remind parents that parking is not permitted on the Private Road. Please be considerate of our neighbours and where possible walk to school.

## **Free School Meals**

Although all Infant School children are entitled to Free School Meals, if you are on a low income you can also claim help with other expenses, eg school trips, after school clubs, etc. This is called Pupil Premium and the school receives funding for each eligible child. If you think you might be eligible, please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

## **Admission September 2019**

Applications for admission to Infant school for September 2019 opens on Monday 5 November 2018 and closes at midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at 11.59 pm. The Infant School has its own Supplementary Information form which can either be downloaded from our website or collected from the Infant school office. If you have a child in Year 2 it will also be time to apply for a place at the Junior School.

If you need advice call 03000 41 21 21 or email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk).

Thank you all for your continued support of the school and your child's learning.

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Head of School