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Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We are looking forward to Sunday's service and our second 'Broxbourne Goes to Church' focus date. As part of the service, some of our children will feature in a bible skit and if enough of our newly formed school choir are present, they will also sing as part of the service. Mrs Sentence and I have been extremely impressed with how committed our choir have been so far and the joy they exude whilst singing. They sounded fantastic after school on Wednesday and if all can attend, this should be very special. The service starts at 9.30am and it would be wonderful to see our children and families there.

Next Friday is our school Harvest Festival Service, starting at 2.30pm at St Augustine's. Please bring in the items detailed within this newsletter next week to gather a bumper 'crop' to be donated to the local food bank. Your generosity will help local people who are in need of our collective support.

Half of our retiring collection next week will go towards our pupil chosen charity for the year - 'Teen's Unite,' and the other half will be donated to The Bishop of St Albans chosen appeal 'Full of Beans.' This charity transforms the lives of those living in remote rural areas of The Philippines by growing a variety of crops, especially beans. With your generous support, more families will be able to improve their homes, provide better education for their children and invest in developing their community. We thank you for all donations in advance.

Our new drop-off arrangements are working well and you should have spotted Mrs Melidoro at the KS2 gate Monday-Wednesday and myself Thursday-Friday each morning. If you have children in both KS2 and KS1, you should drop your child off on the KS2 playground first, then take your KS1 child to their classroom soon afterwards. Mrs Melidoro and I will ensure all KS2 pupils remain on site to start the school day promptly. This revision should ensure punctuality each morning at the KS1 classrooms.

A reminder to all parents, unless I have issued you with a permission slip, cars should not be driven up to our school at the start and end of the school day. This also applies to our EY1 if collecting at lunchtime. If you have a genuine reason as to why you need to drive your child to school, this can be applied for at the school office. All permission slips should be clearly displayed in your car window, since this is then obvious to all in our school community that there is a valid reason for needing to drive to our school. Without such a valid slip displayed, there should be no need to drive or park along our towpath at any time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We hope your weekends are enjoyable.

Best wishes Paul Miller

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Harvest Festival

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held in St Augustine's Church next Friday, 29th September at 2.30pm. As usual you are very welcome to join us for this service. If you are coming along to the church with a younger child, we request that they sit with you in the pews and are supervised, so that they do not disrupt the service in any way. We encourage parents to show respect for other people's opportunity to worship and to ensure everyone is able to fully enjoy the service. If your child is unable to sit quietly, please feel free to take them out of the main church and wait in the inner porch, until they are able to return. Monetary contributions at the service will be divided between the Kingfisher Council's chosen charity, Teens Unite and the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal - 'Full of Beans' - supporting the development of community projects which transform the lives of people in remote rural villages of the Philippines. Thank you.

If you are not able to attend the service, **please collect your child/children via the side entrance of Church, at 3.00pm**. Staff will be unable to admit parents/carers who arrive significantly after the service has begun. Please ensure class harvest contributions are brought in by 9.00am on Friday, 29th September. If your child normally has a sandwich lunch, please could they bring this in a named plastic bag for that day, which can then be disposed of before the children walk to church. Please note water bottles and book bags are **NOT** required on Friday. There is **NO SWIMMING** next Friday. Thank you.

HARVEST CLASS COLLECTIONS

EY1	Any packet foods, e.g. tea, biscuits, sugar etc.
EY2	Any savoury tinned food, e.g. tinned vegetables, baked beans, soup etc.
Year 1	Any savoury jars, e.g. coffee, pickles etc.
Year 2	Any packet food, e.g. rice, noodles, pasta etc.
Year 3	Any sweet tinned food, e.g. tinned fruit, custard etc.
Year 4	Any sweet jars, e.g. jam, honey etc.
Year 5	Any packet food, e.g. cereal, dried fruits, etc.
Year 6	Any tinned meat/fish, e.g. tuna, salmon, ham etc.

Food produce and monetary donations can be brought into school week commencing on Monday, 25th September. Thank you.

Individual & Family (EY1 - Year 6 only) Photos
next Tuesday, 26th
September.

Please note: Siblings that do not attend the school are not invited to attend!

CASH PAYMENTS

Please could we remind parents that if you choose to pay for trips, clubs, water bottles etc, with cash, the exact amount should be provided. The school does not always have change available. If too much is given and change is not available, where possible e.g. for dinners, Breakfast & After School Club, accounts will be put in credit. In other circumstances, where this is not possible, the excess may go towards school funds. Thank you.

SCOOTERS/BIKES

As stipulated in our administration sheets, which were given out at the information evening this term, we **do not** permit the riding of cycles or scooters in the school grounds. This applies to all children, from EY1 to Year 6 and their siblings and includes **all** playgrounds. Please could you also ensure children are mindful of other children walking back up the path, particularly after swimming on Fridays. Children should dismount their bike or scooter and walk it through the front playground to the cycle racks.

UNIFORM, HAIR & MORE..!!

Please may we stress the importance of adhering to our uniform requirements. Full guidance for uniform can be found in the administration sheets given out at Parents' Information evening.

In particular we would like to draw your attention to the following:

Socks should be plain in style, white for girls and grey for boys. Trainer socks, over the knee socks, frilly socks or socks with adornments e.g. bows, ribbons etc. are not acceptable uniform. Ankle socks should not be worn when wearing the Winter uniform and tights should not be worn with the Summer uniform.

Both boys and girls should wear plain, white shirts as part of their winter uniform i.e. when wearing a tie. Shirts should button to the neck and have a suitable, plain, pointed collar to ensure the tie is worn correctly. They should have plain sleeves - not puff sleeves, cap sleeves etc. There should be no patterns, embroidery or ruching.

Hair should be kept neat in conventional styles to the satisfaction of staff and Governors. Long hair should be tied back. Hair should not be cut shorter than Number 3. Gel and braids/beads must not be worn. Hairbands and slides, including bows etc. should be kept simple, of a sensible size and in either kingfisher blue or navy. Hard hairbands and bows should be removed for games and PE.

If wearing earrings, these should be simple, plain studs. They should be removed for PE and games, unless it is within their initial six week period of having their ears pierced when they should be taped.

From Monday, 25th September, any child caught wearing incorrect or unacceptable items will be asked to remove them.

Your co-operation with these are much appreciated.

BROXBOURNE PRIMARY GOES TO CHURCH!

You and your family are warmly invited to a special event taking place this Sunday, 24th September at 10.30-12.00pm at St Augustine's Church. Children from our school will be performing a Bible story skit and members of our school choir will be singing. This will be followed by drinks and snacks and children can play games and bounce on the bouncy castle! The whole event is free of charge and we look forward to seeing many of you there!

Thank you.