

## NEWSLETTER 3-September 2020

Dear Parents,

How the weeks are flying by! Next week we have our EYFS class in all day-they have really settled in well (even without their “buddies”-which the year 6 are very disappointed about, but we currently, cannot cross “bubbles” at the moment).

### Snacks/packed lunches

Please can I remind parents that chocolate snacks are not to be sent into school-this is for lunches too. It was agreed that children can bring in “small” packets of crisps in their lunch boxes, so please can you make sure these are not for snack and lunch.

Years R, 1, & 2 we are receiving the fruit and vegetable boxes, for the children to have their free snacks, so they do not need to be bringing in any snacks at all.

### Bookbags

Please try and remember that these are only needed on days that the children are having their books changed.

### Reading

Having been back to school for a few weeks now we are finding that, amongst other things, reading needs a big push. Therefore, I am asking that you hear your children read as much as possible-even books at home, not just their school books-to help support them as they get used to their new curriculum. Thank you 😊

### Harvest Service

I am afraid this is going to be online only, and for the whole school, rather than us going to the Church and the parents being involved. The children will not be performing, as “singing” is still being restricted, but Rev’d Sue will be sending a recorded service for us to watch as a school. However, we are still going to be asking for donations for the “**Thurrock Food Bank**”-they have been working extremely hard throughout lockdown and currently need specific items (see below).

***Sponge puddings, tinned fruit, cooking sauces, jellies, tinned meat in gravy/sauce, toiletries, powdered mash potatoes, tinned spaghetti, tea bags and tinned fish.***

Please can the children bring in any donations throughout next week (it can be the day they have their bookbags, to make it easier) we will then put them on display and take photos, so that you can see our contributions. Thank you in advance for your support with this. 😊

### Social Distancing

Due to the continued updates of Covid-19 cases can I reiterate that you come into the playground at the last minute to drop off and pick up, as much as possible, and keep your children with you, as this reduces any additional risks that may occur. Please can you ONLY go through gate that you have been allocated for your first drop off. We continue to ensure that the children are not crossing bubbles throughout the school, and this also applies on the playground-as much as possible. Thank you for your continued patience in this.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Jones – Headteacher

### PS, something to think about ...

*The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.*

*‘God’s word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for our path.’ Inspired by Psalm 119.105*