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Dear Parents

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all for the support we have received following the death of our colleague and friend Jo Smith. Many parents have asked about making a donation in Jo's memory. We will be organising a cake sale in school in the very near future with proceeds going towards a memorial for Jo and Cancer Research UK. A letter will be sent out with details when the date has been confirmed.

VALUE OF THE MONTH

The Christian value that we will be exploring in school this month is Thankfulness. This will link to our Harvest Festival. Worship sessions and work in class will explore this value in detail and what it looks like in action. We would love you to talk about this at home with your children to find out what they have been exploring and discussing.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be in school tomorrow to take individual photos of all the children. If you have any pre-school children who you would like to be in a photo with their siblings, please come to reception at 8.30am when a group photo can be taken. Please note that children with siblings in school will have their photo taken together during the school day and do not need to arrive at school early. There will be no Cool Kids on Tuesday.

HARVEST

A reminder that our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 19th October in St. Bartholomew's Church at 9.30 am. All parents are very welcome to attend. Could any gifts please be brought into school on Thursday 18th October. These will be donated to Wolverhampton Food Bank.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that St Bart's is a nut free school. We now have several children who have severe allergies which could prove life threatening. We ask that you do not send children to school with nuts, whole nut products, or products containing whole nuts, in your children's lunchboxes; this includes peanut butter, chocolate bars containing whole nuts and fruit and nut snack boxes. Products which may contain traces of nuts are not included in this request. The health and safety of our all of our pupils is extremely important to us and we appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions at all or would like any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Please be advised that, in accordance with statutory government policy, we are unable to authorise any holidays, or time off for circumstances other than illness or medical appointments, in term time, except in very exceptional circumstances. Good attendance at school is crucial to ensure that children achieve the very best that they can and also that they are settled and happy. The national average attendance rate is 97%. Anyone who decides to keep their child off school for reasons other than illness or medical appointments, without prior approval from the school, may receive a fine issued by the council and their absence will be marked as unauthorised.

DIWALI

Our Diwali experience day will take place on Wednesday 7th November. It will be coordinated in school by Mrs Gilbey who will be very ably supported by a group of wonderful parent volunteers. If you are able to offer any help on the day, please contact Mrs Gilbey who I know will be very grateful of any assistance you are able to provide.

PARENT CONSULTATION:

Parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th October between 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. You should now have received an appointment time for one of these dates. If you are unable to attend at the time allocated, please contact your child's teacher who will endeavour to find a mutually convenient time for you to meet. We look forward to seeing you there.

It has been a lovely start to the new school year and all the children have settled in brilliantly. Thank you for all your help and support in ensuring that this is the case. I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Kilmister
Head of Schools