



Harvest Festival Thursday 9th October- Reminder



This year we are supporting our local Hadleigh Branch of the Salvation Army Food Bank. Please send in an item /s from the list below. Please can we ask you to send in the items on the day before the festival (Wednesday 8th October) so that we can display them. Due to child numbers, space challenges and safety considerations, we can only invite Parents to the Harvest Festival for Early Years and Year 1 & 2 at 9.30am in the Junior Hall. We are asking for a maximum of **1 adult for each child to attend the service**. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate an audience for the junior harvest festival.

List of useful items to send in are- Milk (UHT or powdered) Sugar, Soups, Pasta sauces, Biscuits or snack bars, Cereals, Tea bags, Jam, Instant mash potato, Rice or Pasta. **Tinned Items-** ham, corned beef, tuna, tomatoes, potatoes, sponge puddings, rice pudding, or tinned fruit etc. **Thank you**

Parent's Forum and MacMillan Coffee Morning- Thank you to all the parents who came to the recent parents' forum meeting / MacMillan Coffee morning. It was good to see so many parents supporting this event and an amazing £173 was raised for MacMillan Nurses (£119.18 was raised last year). A wide variety of discussions took place on several issues which included fruit snacks for EYFS, school uniform, French Club and school dinners, our next meeting is on Wednesday 28th January 2015 at 9am and all parents are welcome to join us.

Meet the Teacher Open Evening- It was great to see so many people coming into school last Thursday and taking the opportunity to see their child's teacher but also the wider school. The kitchen staff were delighted by the number of parents and children who came and tasted meal samples (or whole meals in some cases!) The half price book sale and photographer commented on the many visitors and friendly atmosphere in the school. Our next open evenings are our more formal consultation evenings when you have a 10 minute appointment with your child's teacher to discuss progress and achievements. These are 10th and 12th February. If you do have an issue though, please do contact the relevant staff member straight away - don't wait for an open evening. See over for parents' survey results.

Yearly Overview 2014-15- Attached to this letter you will find an overview of key dates for the year. Changes do sometimes have to be made so keep a look out for newsletters and on our website.

A Polite Request- The school office is always busy and Mrs Hartland and team work very hard to help pupils, staff and parents, with pupil welfare the top concern. We are aware of an increasing number of parents calling to request that messages to be given to children regarding pick-ups and play dates or with items to be delivered to children during the school day. Please can these only be done as a last resort/ in emergency situations as with over 400 children this is very time consuming and disruptive and takes staff away from other crucial roles and also disrupts class learning. Thank you for your understanding.

Training Day Reminder- School closed to children on Friday 10th October for a staff training day focused on digital books and phonics.

School Meals- We have seen an understandable increase in school meals meaning we serve well over 1250 meals a week! The menus, which we keep under review are displayed on our website and in the office foyer. Please note each day we have to stick closely to the declared menus so that lunches are manageable. Please ensure your child likes or will at least try the items on the menu as there are usually no alternatives with the exception of medical allergies, known vegetarians and for reasons of religious observance. Children will therefore largely be given 'their' meal as per the menu as they walk through the servery.

Yours sincerely **DJ Carver**

Parents Survey 1 Results

September 2014

Thank you to all parents who took part in our recent survey as part of our open evening and Parents' Forum. We had 76 responses in total. Here is a summary of the results

1. My child is <i>happy</i> in school			
Strongly agree 76%	Agree 24%	Disagree 0%	Don't know 0%
2. My child feels <i>safe</i> at school			
Strongly agree 80%	Agree 20%	Disagree 0%	Don't know 0%
3. My child is <i>taught well</i> at this school			
Strongly agree 70%	Agree 30%	Disagree 0%	Don't know 0%
4. Children are <i>well behaved</i> at this school			
Strongly agree 42%	Agree 49%	Disagree 3%	Don't know 6%
5. Would you <i>recommend this school</i> to another parent?			
Yes 96%	No 3%	Don't Know 1%	

Here are some of the other comments and suggestions people made:

- "Teachers are always helpful and willing to listen."
- "My daughter has settled in very well. I have already recommended you."
- "Love this school."
- "Generally lovely school with a community feel!"
- "A good school with good communication from teachers."
- "A wonderful school with brilliant staff."
- "My daughter is doing so well all the extra support given to her is wonderful."
- "Excellent!"
- "My child loves school. Thank you very much".
- "Friendly, kind, local school"
- "Great new reading records"
- "Great teachers and office staff."
- "Overall amazing school."

Suggested improvements

- "The school needs a better website."
- "Could there be a homework club?"
- "A breakfast club would be useful."
- "Good to see an increase in after school clubs but could we have more?"
- "Quicker notifications of events that are happening would be beneficial like training days."
- "School dinners need to be looked at." "More choices needed." "Menus need to be more readily available." "Different desserts like yoghurts & fruit."
- "More information about school governors and what they actually do!"
- "Still no year planner!"
- "The office needs more uniform supplies particularly at the end of summer term ready to start the new school year."

Some of these improvements have already been actioned (see attached year planner) and others will be considered during the course of the year.

Thank you

Parents can also register and complete their views about the school at Ofsted's Parent View website- <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

