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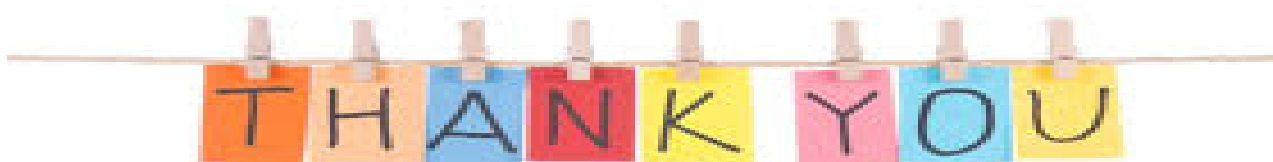
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Friday 14th October, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



Can I start with a massive thank you for the kind harvest food donations made to school this week. Today, the children had a harvest assembly, singing songs to help us be thankful for the food that we eat. On Monday, we will have another assembly with a representative from the Food Bank, Plymouth coming to explain to the children where Pilgrim's donation will go and how the Foodbank is an important resource for our wider community. I am very proud that Pilgrim has been able to make such a big and valuable food donation this year.



Autumn Term Reports and Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings



After half term, we will be writing our short Autumn Term reports for each child. These reports give an indication of how well your child is doing both academically, socially and in terms of their behaviour and attitude. It will also include your child's targets and next steps for improvement. We are offering a 10 minute consultation meeting for you to come into school, meet your child's teacher and to discuss your

child's progress - we will give the report out at these meetings. You will also be able to view your child's workbooks. The consultation dates are Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November and will take place after school. Details of how to book a slot will come to you after half term but please note these dates in your diary to make sure that you are able to attend - thanks.

School Attendance and Punctuality

Please could I remind all parents and carers of the need to ensure that your child is at school punctually at the start of the school day. The gates open at 8.45am and the children are able to go into class between 8.50 and 9.00am to register. Class registration closes at 9.00am and after that time children are marked as late. Any pupils arriving after 9.30am are recorded as 'late after registration closes' which means that **the morning session is coded as unauthorised absence**.

Arriving at school and being signed in at the main reception causes a great deal of extra strain on our admin office team at the busiest time of the day. Some days, we can have up to 20 families/pupils arriving between 9.00 - 9.15am who all need to be processed via the office. This is proving very difficult to manage. Late arrival and unauthorised absence is highly monitored by school and the Educational Welfare Officer so please, if you find that you are regularly late to school, help us by making an extra effort to set the alarm early and get to school on time. Thanks.

THE PILGRIM PANTRY



Exciting News from Mrs Harris - our PSA!

We know that money is tight at the moment and that finances are stretched at times for some of us. We want to make sure that our families are not ever in the position of having to decide whether to put the heating on or have a decent meal.

So Pilgrim Primary is opening **an on site bank of food called the 'Pilgrim Pantry'**. If you are ever finding yourself struggling to provide food for yourself or the family, please come in and talk to me - I am here to help and will be able to provide you with some food and other items immediately.

The Pilgrim Pantry will rely on voluntary donations and so once a term we will be holding a Pilgrim Pantry Day where along with our staff, if you would like to, families can give an item for the Pantry - we would always be grateful for donations. We will be sending details out nearer the time but we just wanted to let you all know that the Pantry is open so please do not hesitate to come and talk to me if you need something.

#TeamPilgrim!

Mrs Donna Harris - Parent Support Advisor

Seasonal Nasal Flu Vaccination

Just in case you missed the email that was sent a few weeks ago, here is the information about registering your child to have a nasal flu vaccination at school:

The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on: **Monday 7th November 2022**

Seasonal flu vaccination remains one of the most important public health interventions to protect individuals and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society. This contributes to reducing morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures, potentially including further outbreaks of COVID-19.

For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible.

Full information about this live vaccination, including frequently asked questions and access to the NHS England information, are available when accessing the link. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

To consent to, or to decline the flu vaccination for your child please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon>

Please note that this link will close at midnight on: 1st November 2022

Term Dates for your Diary

These are some of the remaining dates for this term:

17/10/2022	Year 4 Morwellham Quay trip
21/10/2022	Year 5 Orca Class Assembly (9.10am start)
24/10/2022	October Half Term
31/10/2022	Non Pupil Day
02/11/2022	Y5 Orca class Widening Horizons (KARST)
03/11/2022	Y5 Orca class Widening horizons (The Box)
04/11/2022	Year 2 Penguin Class Assembly (9.10am start)
07/11/2022	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations Foundation to Year 6 (<i>deadline for sign up 01/11/2022</i>)
09/11/22 + 10/11/12	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings
17/11/2022	School Photographer - Individual Children photos

	STAR LEARNER	PAT ON THE BACK
	w/c 07/10/2022	
Year 1	Flora A / Megan F	
Year 2	Oliver W / Natalia T	
Year 3		Whole Year
Year 4		Gracie M-C / Poppy L
Year 5		Kidd C / Sophia H
Year 6		Denise D / Abraheem L

We will see you all on Monday,



**Mrs L Meek
Headteacher**