



*Photo Highlights*



*Message from the Head*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's hard to believe that we have already come to half term, but very much needed for everyone as it has been incredibly busy. With your support we have hosted a range of events including; 'Share and Learn', Macmillan coffee afternoon, Harvest Festival and finally this week, held parent's evening back on site. Thank you for all of your involvement and support!

Behind the scenes I have been busy working on the [school website](#) and you will have noticed that there are updated permission slips for you to complete in support of this. The teachers and I are really keen to share all of the fantastic creativity and learning happening with the community. We are also putting together a video montage of the Harvest Festival which was such a wonderful opportunity to gather together to give thanks. This will be coming to the website soon.

Our new Winter menus have been shared via Classlist, but you can also [click here](#) to view them. There will also be a themed Bonfire Lunch on Friday 4th November and the menu can be [found here](#). Please let Ms Gooday know if you would like your child does not normally have a school lunch but would like to.

Finally I would like to say thank you again for your commitment in supporting the school and your child's education. We hope you all have a wonderful, fun and safe half term and look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 1st November.

Best wishes, Ms Charlotte Brown

*Firework Safety*

On Thursday 20th October we welcomed Bryony, a member of staff from Essex Fire Service who delivered an assembly around keeping safe and being vigilant. Please ask your child about some things they learned during this as we are encouraging them to share advice with their family and friends.

*E-Safety*

Green Technology

Following on from Green Jumper Day... How many old smartphones or devices do you have lying around your house?

Following on from our Green Jumper Day here is a guide with suggestions of ways to be more green with our use of technology. Including ways to be more sustainable to reusing or recycling unwanted digital devices such as old smartphones, computers and tablets.

[Click here to find out more information](#)

*Harvest Donations*

Thank you for your support for with the donations for [Colchester Food Bank](#) as part of our Harvest Celebrations. The School Council members in Year 6 were very helpful packing up the food into bags and even loaded them into the car as they were keen to support.

**We are happy to share that we raised 93 kg of food and other donations.**

*Polite Car Park Reminder*

There have been a number of parents mentioning issues occurring in the school car park including: parents driving far too quickly, dropping off and leaving children without direct supervision, queues around pick-up and parking around the school on double yellow lines to name just a few.

We are extremely fortunate as a school to have a car park and ask that you all show respect and consideration to others and, most importantly, take measures to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

*Key dates*

- Non- pupil day- 31st October
- Outdoor Classroom Day- 3rd November
- PTA Film Night- 11th November
- Road Safety Awareness Week- 14th November

