As we move towards the final weeks of the half term, we have another busy and exciting week ahead.

Harvest

On Thursday 15th October, children in Years 3 to 6 will be visiting St James' Church to take part in our Harvest Service.

As part of our harvest celebrations, we will also be collecting donations for Clay Cross Food Bank. We know that many families within our local community are experiencing difficult times, and any donations will help provide essential support to those who need it most.

We would be very grateful for any of the following items:

- Tinned foods (vegetables, soup, beans, tomatoes, fish, meat)
- Pasta and rice
- Cereals
- Tea and coffee
- Long-life milk (UHT)
- Biscuits and snacks
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toilet rolls)

Please ensure that all donated items are non-perishable and within their use-by date.

Donations can be brought into school from Monday 12th October to Friday 18th October.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in supporting our community.

Year 1 Phonics Workshop for Parents and Carers

Monday 12th October at 2.00pm

We would like to warmly invite all Y1 parents and carers to join us for our Phonics Workshop.

This is a fantastic opportunity to:

Learn about phonics and understand why it is such an important part of your child's reading development

Discover how we teach reading in school and the approaches we use to help children become confident readers

Pick up practical tips and ideas for supporting reading at home

Watch your child take part in a phonics lesson and learn alongside them

Ask questions and find out more about how reading is taught in Y1

Why Phonics Matters

Phonics is the foundation of learning to read. It helps children recognise the sounds that letters make and teaches them how to blend these sounds together to read words. By understanding how phonics is taught in school, you will be better equipped to support your child's reading journey at home and help them develop confidence, fluency and a love of reading.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this important part of your child's learning with you.

After School Clubs

A reminder that next week is the final week of our after school clubs for this term. The last club sessions will take place on Thursday 15th October.

We would like to thank all of the children, staff and club leaders who have taken part this term. We hope the children have enjoyed the opportunities available and have developed new skills and interests along the way.

Information about clubs for next term will be shared with families in due course.

10 in 10 Attendance Challenge

Monday 12th October – Thursday 22nd October

(9 school days in total due to the INSET Day on Friday 23rd October)

We are excited to launch our 10 in 10 Attendance Challenge! This is a fantastic opportunity for children to demonstrate their commitment to excellent attendance and be in with a chance of winning a special prize.

How to Enter

Attend school every day during the challenge period.

Every pupil who achieves 100% attendance across all 9 school days will automatically be entered into a raffle. One lucky winner will then be selected to receive a prize!

Regular attendance helps children make the most of their learning, build friendships, and develop positive routines. We look forward to seeing as many children as possible take part in the challenge.

Who will be our lucky winner? Good luck everyone!