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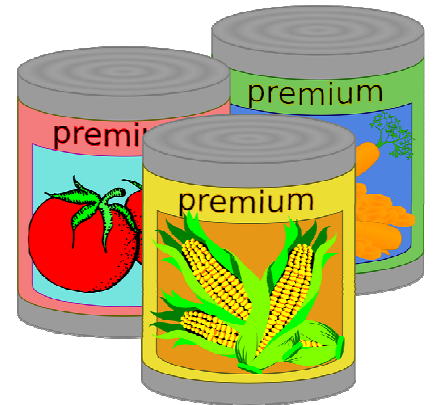
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Harvest Festival Service - Friday 21st October

It's that time of year again when we celebrate Harvest. On Friday 21st October we will be holding our Harvest Festival Service at St Paul's Church, at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to join us.

We are once again encouraging children to bring along a harvest gift on Friday which we leave at the church. These gifts will be donated to the Dorking Food Bank. This charity carries out a fantastic job in helping to support local families who need a bit of help in challenging times. A separate Parent Mail will go out regarding suitable harvest gifts, but tins of vegetables, meat, fruit are perfect. No fresh produce please.

Thank you for your support of our local community in this way.



Our New International Link — Kids For Kids

Earlier this week the school hosted a visit from a remarkable lady, Mrs Patricia Parker MBE.

Patricia lives but a short walk away from the school, a much shorter distance than the 7 hour walk for water that she witnessed a young boy taking in Darfur in Sudan a few years ago. Her time in Darfur convinced her that she had to do something to help the many families who struggle to survive in this inhospitable, western part of Sudan. So she started the charity, Kids For Kids. The work of the charity has enabled countless families to help themselves to have a healthier and more secure

future. The key to this is digging wells and loaning goats to families.

Mrs Parker talked to the children in assembly, and I know that already many of them are thinking of ways in which they can raise money to help Kids For Kids further their work in Darfur.

Follow this link to read more about Kids For Kids:

www.kidsforkids.org.uk



FOSPA AGM

Many thanks to those who attended. I am sure you will join me in sending huge thanks to the outgoing Chair, Secretary and Treasurer — Sarah Rees, Liz Edwards and Nicky Ellis. They carried out their roles with true commitment to the cause. Big thanks also to Rushika Wan who is standing down from the FOSPA committee after many years service.

A big welcome to the new FOSPA Chair, Secretary and Treasurer combo: Sarah Read, Ellie Richards (co-Chair), Nina Bakker and Fiona Brownlee. We look forward to all you will bring to FOSPA and the school.

Parents Driving Too Fast Up to School

Once again, we must ask parents not to drive at speed up St Paul's Rd West. A parent recently had her car bumped by another parent who was driving too quickly after dropping their child. Please allow enough time in the morning to park in the designated areas and walk up to the school with your child.

Thank you.

Y6 Step Back In Time ...

Year Six took part in an 'Air Raid Experience' earlier this week, to try and understand a little of what it might have been like to experience an air raid in 1940.

They have been learning about the key events of 1940, from evacuation, through the Battle of Britain, to the Blitz of the autumn and winter months- a time of constant fear due to endless air raids and bomb damage in London and the south-east of England. In October 1940 a 250Kg bomb even landed on the school field!

The Y6 air raid experience involved going down to our least visited room- an underground cellar just as cold, dark and smelly as the field shelters. The children got in to character by listening to the soundtrack of a complete air raid, complete with loud bangs and flashes, as seen through the cracks in the shelter doors. Comments ranged from 'That was awesome!' to 'I was so scared'.

The Blitz shelter experience will help them write their own imaginary Blitz diaries later this term.



Parents Evenings

Dates for your diary, the Autumn Term Parents Evenings will be held on **Tuesday 18th October** (3.30–6.00 pm) and **Thursday 20th October** (3.30 to 8.00 pm). Hopefully you have signed up by now—there are still some places available. Please use Parentmail or contact the office to book an appointment.

School Open Days for Prospective Parents

These are as follows:

Wednesday 9th November at 1.15 pm

Thursday 10th November at 9.15 am

Y6 are very much looking forward to their tour guide responsibilities!

Illness—Important Reminder

To enable us to contain diseases and infections please follow the '48 hour rule': keep your child off school for 48 hours after showing the symptoms of an upset tummy or sickness.

This keeps bugs out of school and out of other families. Thank you.

Spare shipping container anyone?

FOSPA are on the lookout for a new shipping container to store their menagerie of PTA-related artefacts.

If you know someone who is looking to part with a container, or know how we can purchase one at a reasonable price please do let us know via the school office.



Navy V-Neck Jumper—New Addition to the School Uniform for KS2

In response to a request from some parents we have added a new item to the school uniform list for KS2 : a blue V-neck jumper with the school logo on. These are available now on the School Trends website. The children may still wear school sweatshirts and cardigans, these are just an additional option.

Inter-School Cross Country on Friday 7th October

Friday 7th October was our first cross country race of the season held at The Weald. We had a fantastic turnout with over 60 children, from Year 3-6, taking part.

We managed to come first in the Year 3&4 boys age group and second in the Year 5&6 boys age group. The girls did an amazing job too. Well done.

Samuel Alexander ran a blistering race winning his age group, and Isaac Daniels also clinched first for his age group after an amazing run.

If you want to join in, practice is every Wednesday lunch time on the school field. Everyone in Years 3,4,5&6 is very welcome. Our next race is on the 3rd of November. Put it in your diaries; it will be a fantastic event!