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Oct 2
2009

Harvest Festival

Next Wednesday 7 Oct in the Church at 11.00. All friends and family welcome.

It is a tradition at Harvest that children from the school take over some 'produce' and this is part of the service of giving thanks. This year (as in the past two years) the Church is supporting the St James Priory Project (www.stjamesprioryproject.org.uk).

Only: **Tins, biscuits or any Dried Food (especially rice or pasta).**

Contributions to the Harvest Service (however small) please bring into school on

Monday or Tuesday Please!

Thursday: Interest Groups

School isn't just about 'The Curriculum' and the 'Curriculum' isn't just about the 3Rs!

On a beautifully sunny autumn morning our first experiment with 'Interest Groups' was a great success. Staff have planned 4 x 30 min sessions for a group of children drawn from all year groups & classes to do something slightly different from the usual lessons in school.

So there were gardening, dancing, animation, drama and creating a newsletter amongst the 12 activities on offer.

From Term 2 onwards we'd really like to see if parents could offer to run (or co-run) a set of 4 half hour sessions on a Thursday at 9.05am. These could easily be with a small group of children perhaps with another parent or member of staff in support. We would need to get you CRB checked which the school can organise.

If you have hobbies, skills or ideas for an activity (however crazy!) please talk to a class teacher or Mr Wilkinson.

Dates for your Diary

Oct 5 Yr 6 to Lifeskills

Oct 7 Change of Date Harvest Festival 11.00

Oct 16 Diwali

Oct 21 Yrs 3&4 Circus performance

Mid term break: week starting Oct 26

Dec 4 Yr 6 Christmas Bazaar

Dec 18 Last day of term 2

Jan 4 Monday First day of Term 3



Year 6

Plans are already being made for the end of Year 6

Musical performance to be 'We will rock you', the music of Queen!

The show is actually on at the Hippodrome until the end of October.

If you are looking for an excuse to go and see the show, giving your son or daughter something to aim for next July might be just what you need!

Bracelets & Jewellery

Please ensure that children don't come into school wearing **any bracelets**, rings or chains. This has always been in place primarily as a safety issue.

Yr 6 parents

Can you help out with the planning of the Yr 6 Christmas Bazaar?

Short meeting this Thursday

8 Oct 3.30 in Class 6KE

Pupil Photos: orders in to school by Friday October 9