



A Special Harvest Assembly

Today, Year One and Two children had the pleasure of visiting the beautiful St. Andrew's Church in Hatfield Peverel to celebrate Harvest. As well as coming together to celebrate the true essence of Harvest, it was also an opportunity for the school to welcome our new Reverend to our school community, Reverend Howard. As well as talking about the meaning of Harvest, the children entertained him and one another by singing a variety of songs, including 'Cauliflowers Fluffy', 'Thank you God for Sun and Rain', 'Jelly and Jam' and of course, one of our favourites, 'Big Red Combine Harvester'. Please click the link below for the YouTube version of 'Big Red Combine Harvester'. The words for 'Jelly and Jam' have been sent home via Tapestry, so you can sing along with your child. Reverend Howard has kindly offered to do some assemblies in school after half term so we will look forward to seeing him again soon.

Big Red Combine Harvester

Have a lovely weekend everybody!



Polite Reminder

Change of Collection for your child

If you need to inform us of a change of collection arrangement for your child, e.g. they are going home that day with another parent or relative, please inform the school via phone, email or in person before **12.00 noon**, unless it is an emergency. Please be aware that if you contact us after 2.30pm, the office staff may not always be able to leave the office to deliver the message in time. Timely notification helps us ensure a smooth transition for your child and avoids any confusion or delays. A reminder that the office email address is office@hatfieldpeverel.essex.sch.uk (not admin). Thank you.

Pumpkin Competition

It is that time of year again! Time for our annual pumpkin competition! Be as creative as you wish! Bring a decorated pumpkin to school and place in front of the school garden on Thursday 23rd October. Pumpkins will be judged during the day and they can be taken home at the end of the day or on Friday 24th October. Winners will be announced in Celebration assembly. This is free to enter - you just need a pumpkin!



Braintree Food Bank Collection

Harvest is a wonderful time of year to celebrate what we have and what we can be thankful for, whilst thinking of others and giving in whichever way we can.

Any donation, no matter how big or small, will be gratefully received.

If you would like to donate, then please send food into school on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October. We can only accept the food on these dates due to space.

Please see the attached flyer for a Harvest Festival shopping list. Items include tinned fish, breakfast cereals, pot noodles, biscuits, jam, and UHT milk.

Thank you for your continued support.



Car Parking

Unfortunately, we have had further complaints from local residents regarding parking, this time from residents in De Vere Close. Issues include parking on corners of roads and parking across resident's driveways, causing inconvenience and safety concerns. Please be considerate when parking. Again, your co-operation helps us maintain good relationships with our community and ensures the safety of all children and families. Thank you for your co-operation.

Thank you!

On Thursday, Year One children had a special visit from Tara's Mum. She spoke to the children about Hindu worship and showed the children some artefacts from the Puja tray. The children enjoyed using all of their senses to explore these and understand their importance.

A special thank you to all of the Year One parents who took time out of their day yesterday to accompany the children whilst on their village walk. This allowed them to discover various places and engage in meaningful discussions about the buildings and features near our school, linked to their Geography work this half term.

Thank you everyone!

Christmas Concerts

To confirm, the Year One Christmas Concerts this year will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 2.30pm and Thursday 11th December at 9.00am. This is different to what was originally advertised on the dates leaflet in September as we had to change the timings due to other Christmas events. More details to follow later (as we are still only in October!)



Stars of the week

Duckling Class: Arlo

Butterfly Class: Queenie

Ladybird Class: Lilia

Hedgehog Class: Charlotte

Squirrel Class: Oliver

Fox Class: Maisie L

Badger Class: Casey



Attendance trophy: Fox Class
Attendance this week: 96.6% Wow!

ERIC tokens

This week's winners are the **GREEN** team with 266 ERIC tokens. Amazing result!

Dates for your diary

23rd October - Pumpkin competition

27th October - Half Term Break

13th November - Fox Class assembly **2.40pm**

14th November - Children In Need

20th November - Badger Class assembly **2.40pm**

24th - 26th November, 3rd & 4th December - Prospective Parent Tours

28th November - NON PUPIL DAY

9th December - Year 1 Christmas Concert **2.30pm**

11th December - Year 1 Christmas Concert **9.00am**

