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Wednesday 2nd October 2019

Dear parents and carers,

As part of our continuing work on mental health, we have continued to equip children with tools from 'Take 5'. In a Collective Worship session this week, we used the analogy of a feelings bottle within us. If this gets too full then we can begin to feel pressure physically. We talked about methods to reduce the feelings of this pressure and reminded ourselves of 'Take Notice'.

At this time of year, it is particularly interesting to spend a few moments observing seasonal changes. Most recently, you will have felt the changes in precipitation and temperature! This is just another indicator that 2019 is passing quickly!

Our Harvest Festival will be led by Year 3 on Monday 7th October, 2:30pm at St. Mary's. Please can we ask for non-perishable food items, such as dried food and tins.

Last night, during the lashing rain, the PTA held their annual AGM. As you will know, Alison Melton (former Chair); Matt Bell (former Secretary); and Holly Gregory (former Treasurer) resigned from their posts. We were delighted to celebrate the successes of the past year and a huge thanks to all the members of the committee and those that have supported events. Looking forward, we were pleased to welcome Hannah Mohammed to the role of Chair; Sarah Hallebro to the role of Secretary; and Ilse Patterson to the role of Treasurer

This week, Year 1 have enjoyed a walk around Great and Little Shelford, getting to know their local community in even more detail. In addition to this, Year 3 have not only been to St. Mary's to rehearse for Monday's Harvest Service, but they visited Hedingham Castle yesterday. This was a fully immersive experience with re-enactments and exciting enrichment events linked to their castles topic. Next week will see Year 2 off to the Chocolate museum, linked to their topic.

As part of our vision to be a community of life-long learners, we are looking forward to welcoming four visiting teachers from the Faculty of Education next week in Y2 and Y4.

With best wishes,
Chris Grey
Headteacher

Newsletter in 30 seconds...

- Autumnal change!
- Harvest Festival
- PTA AGM
- Enrichment visits
- Visiting Teachers

Website updates... Have you seen...?

[Year 5 Curriculum Days](#)
[Year 2 - Recycling](#)

Science Spot!
STEM Ambassadors

Our first STEM Ambassador talk with the whole school will take place on 8th October. **We are still welcoming volunteers (see below).** Her biography is below. You might want to think of some questions with your child to ask about her fascinating work!

Optometrist
I'm an Optometrist and researcher. In my job I test people's eyes to see if they need glasses or contact lenses. I also train university students how to become opticians. My work is done in a clinic with lots of different equipment including lenses, microscopes and special cameras. I do research in treatments that may stop children's eyes becoming 'short sighted'.





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Announcements

Parent/Pupil/Teacher consultations

A letter regarding these came home with your child on Monday evening. Please complete the booking form and return to the school office as soon as possible, but by Monday 7th October at the latest. If your form is returned after this date you will be allocated a consultation from any spaces not already filled.

Height and weight check for children in years Reception and 6

Letters regarding this will come home with your child today.

Aldi promotion

We are taking part in an Aldi (other supermarkets are available!) promotion to be in with a chance of winning 1 of 20 prizes of £20,000 to help build a health legacy for our School e.g. buying or renovating sports equipment, supporting sports teams, healthy eating initiatives etc. The promotion is live (started on Friday 6 September) and runs until Sunday 3 November.

Please collect your Team GB stickers when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store and bring them into School. We need 300 stickers to enter and you get 1 sticker for every £30 you spend.

More details here: <https://getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools> and video clip here:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1169935975604207617>

Many thanks

The PTA team

Sawston Village College Open Evening (Year 6) - Tomorrow

Sawston Village College's Open Evening for September 2020 intake will be held tomorrow Thursday 3 October, from 6.30 - 9.00 pm. As in previous years, Year 6 pupils and their parents are invited to attend a presentation by Mr Russell, Principal, and to enjoy a tour of the College.

Art club

If your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to attend Art club, please pick up a form from the office.

Safeguarding issues

Please note the following safeguarding issues to keep our children safe!

❖ **Medicine in school**

- ❖ If your child should need medicine while they are on school premises, please bring it to the office yourself (do not send it in with your child). You will need to complete a medication form giving us permission to medicate your child and the medicine will be locked securely in a cupboard in the office. Children should not have medicines in their bags.



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❖ **School access – gates**

❖ For safeguarding reasons, if you need to buzz through to the office to gain access to school during the school day, please can we remind you not to hold the gate to let others through. Using the buzzer allows us to know exactly who is on the school premises at any given time and their purpose for being there, so allowing other people access may mean that we are not aware that they are on site.

❖ **Site Safety**

❖ Please can we remind parents that children should not be in the playground unsupervised after school and should not be on the play equipment. Please also remember that when pupils are dismissed, they should not re-enter the school site. There have been several occasions where pupils have been entering school after clubs to retrieve items. For security, safety and safeguarding, pupils should not re-enter classes. Any forgotten belongings should be collected the following day.

❖ **Changes to your child's circumstances**

❖ Please can we remind parents to inform the office of any changes to your child's circumstances as soon as possible please, e.g. changes of address, contact details or any dietary or medical needs they may have. If your child needs medication, e.g. an inhaler, it is also important to ensure that they have it in school in case they need it. All medicines must be signed in at the office and will be held at the office and not kept with your child. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Illness in school

Please can we remind parents that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode (as recommended by the NHS and Department for Education). These rules are put in place to limit the spread of illness throughout the school (both for children and staff members). In severe cases it may be necessary for your child to avoid swimming for two weeks to avoid cross contamination. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Class List

The PTA would like to ensure that as many parents as possible are aware of 'Class List'. This is a great way to keep in touch with the other parents in your class and should help to ensure good communication between parents. Please get in touch with your class' PTA representatives for assistance.



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