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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.



This year our celebration was all about being thankful. Reception sang a wonderful 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' wearing their harvest headdresses, Year 1 sang

'Let's Harvest' using sign language and Year 2 told us about 'Harvest Around the World'. Year 3 sang and danced a fantastic 'Harvest Samba', Year 4 performed a very thought provoking play about 'Mr Have and Mr Needy', Year 5 entertained parents with a 'Harvest Rap' and Year 6 proudly showed off their acting skills in a Hindu harvest tale called 'The Rupee Tree'. Many thanks to the overwhelming amount of parents who were able to share our Harvest Celebration. The children love to show off their hard work and talents!



Thank You
for your Kindness

James, the Youth Leader from King's Church, delivered Worship and was overwhelmed by the generosity of our families with our mountain of donations. He told us that 57,00 families had accesses the food bank last year.

#HelloYellow YOUNGMINDS

On World Mental Health Day the children considered ways of maintaining mental well-being including eating well and exercising. We looked at causes of low mood such as feeling isolated, too much screen time and overthinking (not keeping a sense of perspective) and strategies to manage these feelings before they become embedded. We all wore yellow bow ties to remind us how important it is to talk about mental health and where we could look for support.



Year 1 wearing their yellow bow ties.



parentalquestionnaire

We very much value our strong partnership with parents and use your feedback to help us to further improve. Over the last two years we have introduced 30 hours in Nursery and extended our KS1 after school club provision in response to your suggestions. We would be very grateful if you would fill in the questionnaire which accompanies this newsletter. Our continuing success as a school is thanks to our wonderful children and a fantastic team of staff and governors who are fully committed to providing the very best education for your child(ren). As parents you all play a huge part in supporting and encouraging the children to do their very best - thank you.

Miss Large

Year 1 make maps (and have a tasty snack!)

The children had a wonderful time visiting Lascelles Park café. They drew some magnificent maps of their journey. Councillor Wendy Newell sent a lovely message to say how exceptionally well behaved and polite Year 1 children were.



Poppies will be available to buy from school when the children return on Tuesday 5th November.

It was lovely for staff to share with parent/carers how well the children had done at the recent consultations events. Lots of children enjoyed choosing 'free' books to promote our love of reading and Year 6 made £113.40 from our 'Spooky' sale.



DATES FOR DIARIES

22.10.19	Y4 Tag Rugby Festival - 12-3pm Mowden
24.10.19	Y6 Tag Rugby Festival - 1-3pm St. Aidans
24.10.19	Autumn Disco
25.10.18	Half term break
5.11.18	Tuesday. Children return to school
26.11.18	School Photographer

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1	100%	96%	100%	95%	99%	100%	97%
Week 2	99%	96%	100%	96%	96%	98%	96%
Week 3	100%	97%	97%	97%	91%	95%	97%
Week 4	93%	96%	99%	95%	94%	93%	100%
Week 5	91%	96%	96%	93%	94%	95%	100%
Week 6	94%	94%	87%	94%	98%	94%	98%
Week 7	98%	98%	89%	94%	97%	94%	98%

Governor's set an attendance target of 96.4%. If your child's class has achieved 97% or above they are doing well but anything below 96% requires improvement. Our overall attendance is 95.98%.

Autumn Disco

We are looking forward to having fun at the Autumn Disco on **Thursday 24th October**; tomorrow will be the final day to purchase tickets. Wearing a costume is optional but please do not go to a lot of expense! **Please note that Multi-Sports after school club for Year 1 and 2 and IT Club for KS2 will not take place.**



Pumpkin Competition

If you wish to enter a pumpkin, bring it in **tomorrow, Wednesday or Thursday before the disco, marked clearly with your name and class.** If you wish to put a light in the pumpkin, please use the battery operated tea lights. The entries will be judged on Thursday at the disco and winners will be announced on Friday when they need to be taken home.



Emily (Y3) wrote to Blue Peter and told them all about the tortoise she had made out of recycled plastic (it looked just like Shelly!) She made the tortoise to highlight the major problem the world is having with single use plastics and the danger it is causing to our wildlife and oceans. Her hard work and empathy was rewarded when

she received a converted Blue Peter Badge. Well done Emily!

Have you received an award? Tell us about it so we can celebrate your achievement.



Multi Sports Event

Year 2 attended Eastbourne Complex for a carousel of activities which included football, tennis and races. They all had a great morning of active fun.

Tag Rugby

Year 5 attended a rugby tournament in which they were split into groups. The class showed great heart throughout the tournament, one group scoring in every match! Well done.

Girls Rugby

Girls from Year 6 took part in a tournament held at Eastbourne Complex recently. They all showed spirit and determination throughout their games and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.