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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is really fantastic to have all the children in school; especially our wonderful new Hedgehog children. A warm welcome once again to Eliza, Stanley, Poppy-Mae, Brooke, Esme, Isaac, Emilia, Zoran, Roman, Bertie, Oliver, Evie, Kipp, Wyatt, Ellie, Frederick, Joseph, Jacob, Zackary, Niamh, Vaughan, Rufus and Sam who will be joining Hedgehog Class.

### **Harvest Festival**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival; weather permitting at St. Mary's Church. The service will start at 2.15pm and the children will walk to the service from school. It would be wonderful if as many families as possible could join us and help the children celebrate the importance of Harvest. The Class Teachers will need help chaperoning the children across the fields to church. **If you are able to help with this please speak to your child's Class Teacher by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. All children will be collected from the church at 3.15pm; no children will be returning to school on Monday and there will be no after school clubs; please ensure children are collected promptly.**

### **School Uniform**

Thank you all for preparing your children for school with the correct school uniform. Can I ask once again that all school uniform is correctly labelled with the child's name. **I would also like to draw your attention to the black 'pumps' the children wear for PE. Some of the new makes of 'pump' have a black rubber sole. Unfortunately the black sole leaves rubber marks on the School Hall surface. Please can you check the shoes and if they have a black sole let the children use an alternative trainer for indoor PE sessions. If you have any concerns over this please see the Class Teachers for further advice.**

### **Clubs**

I am really pleased to see so many children taking part in extracurricular clubs. There are still a number of spaces available for a few of these clubs; these are: KS1 Gardening, KS 2 Basketball, KS 2 Choir, KS 1 Cup Stacking, Molkky, Boules and Skittles, KS 1 Football and Cross Country. If your child would like to join any of these clubs please see the school office for a form. One club I have a particular interest in is the Key Stage One Gardening Club. We are currently tidying the garden area and raised beds ready to plant a variety of herbs and vegetables. We will also be planting Tudor 'medicine' plants in preparation for our Tudors learning journey after Christmas. I will update you further on this and other clubs shortly. If you have not seen our school garden close up before, please take a few minutes to walk around the side of the school, near Squirrels classroom to have a look. Last year our wonderful PTA spent a lot of time and money giving the garden area an exciting 'makeover'.

### **Parent Reps**

I hope parents will put their names forward once again to be a Class Parent Representative. There is a letter accompanying this letter for parents to nominate themselves to be a Parent Rep. More on this shortly.

### **Timings of the School Day**

The school gate is open to children from 8.35hrs every day and the school doors open at 08.45hrs; **children must not arrive earlier than 8.35hrs as the school cannot be responsible for them before this time.**

**It is expected that your child arrives at school on time every day.**

### **Cool Milk**

Milk is available every day for your child in school. Please ask in the School Office for details.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to see me or any of the adults in school.

Best Wishes

Stewart James

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