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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 Kitty, Harry, Sophie, Amelia, Vincent, Hannah Brown, Hannah Cooper, Lana, Greg, Edmund, Juliette, Ayla, Aaron, Benjamin, Jago, Oscar, Charlotte, William, Freddie, Ella and Josephine.

Harvest Festival

On Friday 26th September we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival; weather permitting at St. Mary's Church. The service will start at 9am and the children will walk back to school after the service. It would be wonderful if as many families as possible could join us and help the children celebrate the importance of Harvest. The theme for this year's Harvest Celebration is 'Friendship'. The Class Teachers will need help chaperoning the children across the fields back to school after the service. **If you are able to help with this please speak to your child's Class Teacher by Wednesday 24th September. All children need to be dropped off at St Mary's Church at 8.45am ready for the start of the service. No children are to come straight to school as all teachers will be at the church.**

This year the school and the church are collecting donations of non-perishable foods. Any generous donations will be divided between the Lewes and Uckfield Food Banks. All next week there will be a box in Reception for the collection of these items; please give generously.

St. Anne's Hospital – Liuli, Tanzania

In October, Doctor Sam Ndimbo will be visiting Barcombe school. He is a doctor at St Anne's hospital in a very rural area of Tanzania. Barcombe Church and village have supported St Anne's now for over 30 years. The hospital helps many local schools in the area, providing materials such as stationary, clothing and equipment. This year they would like to send a collection of school uniform; including children's and adults shoes and trainers. If you have any unwanted school uniform please leave them at St Francis Church where they will be gratefully received before being transported to Tanzania.

Take One Memory

The children have started the school year with the learning journey 'Take One Memory'. The children in Key Stage Two have been focusing their thoughts on Remembering the Impact of The First World War. To support their studies Mr Hilder will be talking to them about the impact of War on our Barcombe community.

Parents may also wish to take older children to a production of 'Oh What A Lovely War'; being performed in early October by Lewes Operatic Society.

If any parents or families have access to World War I artefacts that will help to bring the children's learning to life; please speak to the class teachers; many thanks for your continue support.

Clubs

I am really pleased to see so many children taking part in extracurricular clubs. There are still spaces available for a few of these clubs; these are: KS1 Gym, KS2 Lacrosse, Choir, Year 3/4 Book Club and Cross Country. If your child would like to join any of these clubs please see the school office for a form.

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.

School Dinners

School dinners now cost **£2.02** per day; please ensure that your child has sufficient money in their **named** container if they are having a school lunch. Your child may be entitled to a free school meal; please see our office staff to confirm if you are eligible. **Please remember all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are all entitled to free school meals as part of the new government initiative.**

Cool Milk

Milk is available every day for your child in school and is free for those under 5. Please ask in the School Office for details.

Water Bottles

It is extremely important the children have water bottles in school every day! Please ensure you provide a water bottle with your child's name on it and it is with them in school every day!

School Uniform

Thank you for getting your children ready for the new school year. They look very smart in their uniforms. Please can I remind you that, as stated in our prospectus, we ask that our children wear sensible, dark coloured shoes to school; **trainers are to be worn for PE sessions only.** It would be helpful; too, if you could ensure that all items of clothing are marked with your children's names. In addition to their PE kit all children should be provided with an art shirt/apron.

Best Wishes.

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