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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet another week passes us by with blustery winds and more frequent showers; it feels as if autumn is truly arriving after a glorious end to September. To that end, I have a few messages to share with you: some looking back at *colourful* summer days gone by and others with a nod to the events planned next week. I hope you enjoy finding out all about what has been happening in our lovely school this week.

Harvest Festival

As you will be aware from our previous newsletters, harvest festival is planned to take place in church next Friday, the 16th of October. We aim to give the children their lunch a little earlier than usual on Friday. This is to give everyone enough time to get to church ready for a 1:15pm start.

Please can I ask that children in Doves, Kingfishers and Eagles bring in any donations on the morning of Friday the 16th of October. Children can leave their donations in their classrooms where they will be transported to church and, subsequently, sent on to the Lifespring Centre after the end of the school day.

I will be at church from 1pm and look forward to welcoming you there at this time. Seats will be provided for parents, carers and relatives around the edges of church. We have a wide range of things to share and would welcome your singing and enthusiasm as we celebrate this time of harvest.

We aim to leave church before the end of the school day, return to school and then dismiss your children directly from their classrooms to you on the playground in the usual way. Whilst this may feel counterintuitive, it is to ensure we fulfil our obligations to our Risk Assessments and Safeguarding provision. As such, children cannot be collected directly from church, and I thank you for your understanding of this.

On a final note, Robins class hosted their Harvest Festival on Friday 9th and had a wonderful time! We are so grateful for the donations made and will take these to the Lifespring Centre in the coming days. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to see their performance.

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Swimming Helpers Required

I have been reliably informed by Miss. Cheyette that we need some additional parent volunteers to help with swimming. The only requirement is that you're happy to come along for a bus ride, watch the children learning to swim and are happy to be DBS checked. This is a harmless process (honest!) and school will pay for it. Please be advised, you do not have to be a parent of an Eagles Class child to help – we're happy for anyone to come lend a hand.

Additionally, it doesn't have to be an 'every week' commitment, we'd happily arrange a flexible agreement if this better suits your calendar. If you can help please do let Miss. Cheyette know as soon as possible as the DBS process can take up to a week and with half term on the horizon and swimming set to continue after this time, we'd like for your DBS to be in place from the first week back.

PTA Announcements

I am delighted to inform you that, thanks to the hard work of the PTA and your generosity, we have raised £188.35 for MacMillan and £200.35 from Film Night!

Jingle Bells

You may remember that in last week's newsletter I wrote about the PTAs Christmas Cards that were sent home on Friday 2nd October. I have been asked to remind parents that the timescale for ordering the cards is one week until this shuts. I enclose last weeks message below as a reminder:

> *If it is at all possible, could you please return and/or place your orders by the **16th of October**. I am informed that the school stand to be given a larger percentage of funds from orders placed **before** this date than those placed after. Please do check your children's bags as these cards can often lurk in the dark depths in between the old crisp packets and Haribo packs from birthday celebrations long ago…*

Celebration Worship

Please see the information below to find out which children have been selected for our Celebration Worship this week. All the staff at Kneesall send out our congratulations to them on their hard work and deserved praise; well done to each and every one of you!

Robins	Doves	Kingfishers	Eagles
Quinn	Astara	Harper	Archie

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Colour Run

Whilst I was not present at the 'Colour Run' event towards the end of last year, I can certainly feel the palpable excitement in the wonderful photographs that have been shared with me to pass on to yourselves. I sincerely hope that you enjoy reflecting upon the summer sun and a fun time in school.

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Dates for your diary

As ever, please remember that if there are any changes to dates or, to replace a placeholder, updated dates will be issued with a **red colour**. The most current newsletter will always be the most up to date with regards to events taking place in school.

Upcoming Events **If a date is in red this means it has been updated/changed from a previous newsletter.**		
Date	**Event**	**Further Information**
12th – 16th October	Travelling Book Fair Week	Throughout the week we will be hosting the Travelling Book Fair. The mobile bookcases are jam-packed with over **two hundred** of the newest and best books from over 60 publishers! What a chance to get your bookshelves topped up with some of the latest books you can get your hands on. Please note, payments are made using card only.
13th October	Parents' Evening	A chance for you to come into school and discuss how your child has settled into the new academic year. A letter will be issued in due course to provide you with specific details on how to book a slot.
15th October	Parents' Evening	
16th October	**Harvest Festival Worship at Church**	**Our Harvest Festival will be in church at 1:15 until (roughly) 2:00. We will bring the children back to school for dismissal upon our return.** Please can you begin to save cans, tins and other non-perishables ready for our service. Children will be encouraged to bring in these items to school where we will take them to church for our service. Afterwards, they will be taken to a local foodbank, the Lifespring Centre. https://lifespringchurchandcentre.co.uk/
October Half Term: 19th October – 30th October		
Date	**Event**	**Further Information**
2nd November	Children return to school	Children return to school for the first day of the Autumn 2 half term.
5th November	**Bonfire Night Lunch Menu Option**	A different school dinner will be on offer today due to Bonfire Night. **Please see the newsletter from the 9th of October to see the menu choices. The poster is at the bottom of the newsletter.**
11th November	Remembrance Day	Parents and carers are invited into school to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We plan to welcome you at 10:30am for a 10:45 start on the playground.
16th November	Odd Socks Day	Children are invited to wear their own odd socks to school today as we are led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance alongside children's TV presenter Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks.

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20th November	Children in Need	Children In Need will be supported in school this year. Children will take part in lots of themed activities throughout the day and with a BBC 1 Broadcast starting at 7:00 PM this evening, the message will surely hit home. School Uniform is to be worn but Children in Need accessories are certainly welcomed.
26th November	Christmas Craft Day	All children will spend 30 minutes in their year group with members of the PTA to make a Christmas Craft item which will be taken home on the same day unless it's a little wet and needs to dry! Each year group will produce a unique piece of craft.
2nd December	Secret Shopper	Taking place between 1:00pm and 3:30pm it is £2 per gift or 3 for a £5. The PTA have kindly said they will set up a range of little stalls. I'm sure it will be a delightful afternoon for the children to take part in.
11th December	Rock Steady Winter Music Performance	An end of term performance by those children who participated in Rock Steady Music tuition. All families of the children performing are welcome to attend and celebrate their children's success. Performers are welcome to come in non-uniform for their concert. Please arrive for a 10am start as the children will be doing last minute preparations up until this time.
7th December	Foundation Singalong	Foundation parents are warmly invited to come into school to see their child's performance at **2:45pm**. Please be advised that there will be only **2 tickets** made available per child in Foundation. Children will be collected from classrooms afterwards.
8th & 10th December	KS1 Nativity	Year 1 & 2 parents are warmly invited to come into school to see their child's performance at **2pm**. Please be advised that there will be only **2 tickets** made available per child in Doves. Children will be collected from classrooms afterwards.
10th December	Christmas Day Extravaganza! Christmas Dinner, Jumper and Party Day.	An extravaganza of a day! Please can all children come in their Christmas jumpers (if they chose to). Christmas activities galore will take place throughout the morning, followed up by a Christmas Dinner for lunch and in the afternoon Christmas parties. What a fun day!
18th December	Christmas Service & Christmas Coffee Afternoon	Year 1 – 6 parents are invited to Church to join us for our Christmas Service. Children will sing carols and read aloud poems. We aim to start for 1:15pm. Service will finish for 2pm. Please collect your children from their classrooms **not** from church.
Christmas Holidays: 21st December – 1st January		

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Finally, please cast your eyes to the bottom of this week's newsletter to see a reminder for the Christmas Card orders and the scrumptious school dinner on offer for Bonfire Night on the 5th November.

With my best wishes,

Chris Litchfield
Headteacher

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