



HARVEST

We enjoyed coming together virtually as a school yesterday to celebrate Harvest. Each class shared a poem or performance as we reflected on the bounty of the earth and the importance of sharing what we have. Thank you for your generous donations which we will deliver to Dorking Foodbank next week for distribution in the local area.



*Harvest is finally here,
in this cold time of year.
Autumn has come,
it's time to have fun.
Radishes, peas and apples on trees.
Vegetables tall, plenty for all.
Every fruit from apples to pears,
always remember that everyone shares.
Some big, some small;
some fat and some tall.
The Harvest is clear
until Autumn next year.*

An acrostic Harvest poem by Karina, Yr 3

*As we reach the half term break I would like to say how proud we are of the children for the way they have returned to school. They have been positive and cheerful, settling back to learning, re-establishing friendships, adjusting to the modified learning environment and adapting to new routines. I would also like to thank the staff for their hard work, flexibility and good humour throughout the last eight weeks. We have faced some challenges but, by working together, it has been a successful half term and the parental support and kind words and gestures have been much appreciated. Wishing all families a happy and restful half term break. Look after one another and be kind.
Carolyn Scrutton [Headteacher]*



The teachers have been working hard familiarising themselves with Google Classroom so that we can use it to facilitate remote learning should it become necessary in the future. We are sending out instructions for parents today and would be grateful if you could try logging on to the platform from home. You will find your child(ren)'s user details stuck into their reading record books. Teachers have either set a simple task for the children to complete or some homework so that they can practise using the system; Years 1—6 have already been introduced to it in class. We hope by testing access now we can identify and address any issues you may encounter. Please let us know if you have any queries.

FINAL REMINDER SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

A reminder to Year 6 parents that **preferences for choice of Secondary School must be submitted to County by the deadline of 31st October 2020.** Visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access the main application form and school's individual websites for any Supplementary Information Forms required.

GOVERNOR UPDATE

Mr John Holland has resigned from the Governing Body of St. Joseph's; we thank him for all his hard work and support of the school. Mr Patrick Furlong has taken on the role of acting Chair of Governors.



ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK!

Don't forget your weekly headlice check.



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