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Dear Families,

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Parent consultation last Tuesday. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and an additional thank you to parents who completed our parent voice questionnaire. Consistently parents commented on the small, friendly nurturing ethos of St Mary's that makes it the truly incredible place that it is. You made some brilliant suggestions to make things even better, which we are exploring.

On Thursday 10th October we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day.

What is World Mental Health Day?

World Mental Health Day, also known as National Mental Health Day, is dedicated to promoting the understanding of mental health education, awareness, and advocacy. It's important to raise awareness of mental health conditions and ensure that communities recognise the part each person has to play in creating a mentally healthy society.

On this day we will invite children to wear yellow (if possible) and we will be completing mindful activities in class.

Our harvest service this year will be held on Thursday 17th October.

Exodus 23:16

16 "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field. "Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

Parents are warmly welcomed into school for our harvest service which will be led by Reverend Helen Scanlan in the hall at 9.00. We would welcome donations of any non-perishable items to support the local charity Reddish:

Their aim is to re-distribute 'good stuff' around Reddish and working together we will:

- Improve the lives of the people living within the wards of Reddish and Heaton Norris
- Create a sense of community pride
- Become known as the place to go for support if you have a problem or crisis.

If any donations could be brought to the school hall before the 17th October this would be wonderful.

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As I previously promised I have included key dates for the remainder of the term. Mrs Beer has added these to the school calendar (and some additional) on the website, if you find this more convenient. These may well be added to with additional dates such as Christmas parties, the dates of which are yet to be confirmed.

Thursday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day (children to wear yellow if possible)
Monday 14 th October	School Photos Individual/School Siblings
Tuesday 15 th October	Reading and Phonics Morning 9am – Parents Welcome
Tuesday 15 th October	Choir Performance 2.45pm – Parents Welcome
Thursday 17 th October	Harvest Service at School 9am – Parents Welcome
Friday 18 th October	Finish for half term 3.20pm
Monday 28 th October	School returns 8.50am
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need – Non-Uniform £1
Monday 25 th November	Pupil Flu Vaccination
Thursday 5 th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 5pm
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service 2pm at St Mary’s Church (tbc)
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Craft Morning 9am - Parents Welcome
Thursday 19 th December	Finish for Christmas

At the start of the new term we have been thinking about our behaviour principles of: Ready, Respectful, Safe, and how these impact our actions alongside ‘British Values.’

What are British Values?

Fundamental British Values underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain valuing our community and celebrating diversity of the UK. These values are Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty.

A key part of our plan for education is to ensure children become valuable and fully rounded members of society who treat others with respect and tolerance, regardless of background.

Every school is encouraged to promote the basic British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

This ensures young people understand the importance of respect and leave school fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

Stockport LA has again informed us that earrings MUST not be worn for PE and taping is not acceptable. Please ensure earrings are removed on PE days. If this presents any problems, please speak to your child’s class teacher.

Finally, from Monday 7th October we will have a single point of entry to school and this will be via the reception gate. This gate is manned by a member of staff at all times when open. The side gate will remain locked and only be used for entry to breakfast club, parent assemblies and exit from after school sports provision. For entry to breakfast club please ring the bell on the gate for your child to be collected by a member of staff. Please note although the gate opens at 8.30 children should not be left unsupervised before classroom doors open at 8.40.

If you have any issues relating to anything in this letter please discuss this with myself or our child’s class teacher who is available on the door every morning and after school or if you wish please make an appointment.

With the warmest wishes,

Mrs. Faryniarz