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For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest:

As mentioned last week, our harvest festival is coming up. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions and advice we are not able to invite parents in to school. However, videos of the children's performances will be recorded and put on the website. We would like to ask for donations of non-perishable food items (tins, packets of dried foods, cereal etc.) for the Buntingford Food Bank. Please feel free to start sending children in to school with these from Monday 11th. A display will be created in the hall for our Harvest festival and then I will deliver the food to the Buntingford Food Bank.

Autumn Art Competition:

Layston Grove Care Home have invited us to take part in their Autumn Art Competition. They will create a gallery of the children's autumn artwork and the residents will judge them and award a prize for their favourite. The prize is a hamper of art goodies and the school will also receive additional art supplies for taking part. The children will be completing this in school but feel free to discuss their ideas with them beforehand.

Sickness:

Please ensure that your child is kept off if they have any vomiting or diarrhoea. They need to be absent for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea to limit the spread of the virus.

Flu vaccine:

A final reminder to complete and return your child's flu vaccine consent form.

Parents' Evenings:

The Parents' Evening on-line booking system will close on Sunday 17th October. Please ensure you have booked a slot. Any difficulties, please contact the school office who can allocate you a time slot with your child's teacher.

What if my child is ill?

To help to minimise the risk of illness to all, there is a requirement that your child does not attend school and stays at home when they are unwell in any way. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to take a PCR test and then follow NHS and government guidance.

It is so lovely to see how beautifully our Y4 Buddies have taken to looking after our younger children, they really are a credit to their parents.

Best wishes, Susie Betley
Acting Head/Deputy

