



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Dear family,

Thank you for your support in what has been a very positive start to the new school year. Children have been confident and cheerful about their return to school and have settled back into routine, very well.

### **Harvest Activities:**

#### **Harvest Collection for Leslie's Care Packages**

School will be collecting non perishable food items and toiletries to donate to Leslie's Care Packages. Leslie's Care packages are an established point of contact for our local community and provide vital support to families in need. Children will be participating in assemblies regarding Harvest Festival and we will be collecting donations during the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Harvest Activities for pupils**

St James's and St Michael's churches have organised some Harvest events for our families to participate in. There will be a Harvest Festival **family church service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 10 am**, at St James's Church, Wollaston. The following weekend, families are invited again to St James's Church on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1 – 4 pm**, to participate in Experience Harvest activities. The event is creative and fun and children are invited to experience different forms of harvest with activities and refreshments. Admission to the event is free but donations of dried food goods will be gratefully accepted as part of the churches collection for the food bank.

### **St James's Eco – warrior initiatives**

We have some very pro-active pupils who are keen to ensure that school are doing as much as possible to support environmental issues. With it being Recycling week, next week we are keen to raise the profile of recycling and do what we can.

#### **Pen recycling**

Previously, we have collected used pens and biros. With restrictions lifting, we are keen to re-establish this so if you have any pens that are no longer in use, please do send them to school with your child for our collection at the main office.

#### **Crisp Packet recycling**

Pupils are currently collecting crisp packets following lunch time. The crisp packets will be delivered to the shop, Eco Maniax in Stourbridge for recycling.

The above initiatives have been organised by one of our year 4 pupils and we are very much hoping that the school community will get behind us with our mission to increase our recycling efforts.

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## Climate Change day

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, all pupils will be involved in a focus day where they will be producing a variety of work to mark the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26). Further details will follow about how and where the work will be exhibited.

## PTFA

PTFA meetings will resume this term and new members are always very welcome! Our first meeting of the year will be via Zoom as it seemed to be a popular accessible platform without having to arrange child care. The meeting will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7 45 pm. If you would like to attend, please email [secretary@stjamesptfa.co.uk](mailto:secretary@stjamesptfa.co.uk) to request an invite to the meeting.

Just a quick reminder about our **visit from athlete Joe Roebuck**, next week on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and that children are invited to attend school in sportswear or PE kits for the day. I hope that sponsorship forms have made it home safely and that the children have told you all about the activities that we have planned for the day.

It is great to be able to welcome visitors back into school and to be hosting and supporting community events again.

Kind regards

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