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Dear Parents,

Although this isn't an official newsletter, we have lots of information to share with you this week, not least a survey we would be keen for you to complete about how we as a school communicate with you. Please see a bit later for the link and more explanation. We also have in this communication to you information about:

- School life this week
- Our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 17th October
- Access to the slides that were used at our Parent Curriculum Workshop Evening this week
- Our school-parent communication Google Survey link
- Weekly teaching timetable information
- An update about our PSA

School Life

Well done you the whole of Year 3 who visited St Luke's Church this week with Reverend Melanie. Mrs Bushell and Ms Barchha reported back how well they behaved on the walk to and from Church and Reverend Melanie shared how engaged and responsive they were to her questions in Church. Well done Year 3!

Another "well done" goes to our Eco Team and their first very successful Royal Refill yesterday outside the school at the end of the day. They were incredibly well organised, enthusiastic and committed and Mrs Bushell was very proud of how proactive they all were in promoting and running the stall. The plan is to do a Royal Refill once a month, so please do support the Eco Team if you can.

Ms Verge led our whole-school Worship on Wednesday this week and we have started to explore what it means to be resilient, which is one of our Learning Certainties. During the Worship, Ms Verge shared the story of Jesus carrying his cross and that despite falling three times, he kept going. The children watched a

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video clip of the British athlete Derek Redmond who tore a hamstring whilst competing in the 400m semi-finals of the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. Despite being unable to carry on running, he was determined to cross the finish line, showing tremendous resilience.

Harvest Festival-Tuesday 17th October

Father Giles will be leading our Harvest Festival celebration on Tuesday 17th October in school, and we would be very grateful if you are in a position to send in any donations that we will then pass on to the Richmond Foodbank, based out of the Vineyard Community Centre in Richmond. Accompanying this Parentmail is a list of specific items that the Richmond Foodbank have requested. Children can start bringing in any donations as of Monday next week, and we will put them on display in the Hall in readiness for our service the following week.

If you would like to donate money to the Foodbank, then you can click on the link which will take you to their website: <https://www.vineyardcommunity.org/donate-to-the-richmond-food-bank/>

Here is a bit of information about the Richmond Foodbank and their work in the community:

Richmond Foodbank is based at The Vineyard Community Centre, and we have four satellite foodbanks around the Borough in Hampton, Isleworth, Whitton and Barnes. We have supported many families who were new to Foodbank because of vulnerability, isolation, experiencing Covid or missing school dinners. The generous support of Richmond residents who gave their time and food donations in good spirit, allowed us to support record numbers of families and individuals in the Borough. This year we are asking if schools could celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving by supporting the work of Richmond Foodbank by collecting non-perishables to be distributed throughout the Borough to support people and families in need of food support.

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Parent Curriculum Workshop Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Curriculum Workshop Evening on Tuesday this week. We had over 60 parents attend, which is a testament to the willingness of parents to want to learn more about our teaching techniques and how you can support your child at home with their learning. We had four very informative and detailed workshops on; Phonics, Key Stage 1 Maths, Key Stage 2 Maths and Writing. I am very grateful to all the staff who gave up their own time to deliver the workshops. For those parents who were able to attend on Tuesday, we would be very grateful for any feedback you can share via this Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/fbiNi7QwNwvHhk136>

If you are interested in the slides that the teachers shared with parents on the evening, please click through on the following link: <https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Workshops+2023&pid=333>

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School-Parent Communications

We are very keen to gauge your thoughts and opinions on the best methods of sharing our communications with you and would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete our survey. The more responses we receive, the more representative it will be of our parent body. Please feel free to share any thoughts and ideas that you may have that will improve what we currently do. The deadline for replies is Friday 13th October. Please click through on this link: <https://forms.gle/YT4fsUZXSkjXmWW79>

Weekly Class Teaching Timetables for Years 1-6

We have updated the weekly class timetables on the website to show which member of staff is teaching the children across the week. You'll be aware that there are times that we take advantage of specialist teaching opportunities across a range of curriculum subject areas where other teachers may teach your child, this includes our own staff and external providers. There may of course be occasional changes to the arrangements to the timetables on the website if a member of staff is ill or other events are happening. <https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Pages&pid=345>

PSA Update

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be a Class Rep this year, and it was lovely to meet some of you at the meeting held at school this week. We are very grateful of the role that Class Reps carry out on behalf of the PSA and the school and we are looking forward to a busy and active PSA calendar of events this year, with our first Cake Sale today after school.

We would like to remind all parents that the Class Reps are not responsible for repeating information that has already gone out from the school and parents should rely on official school communications.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunny weather that has been forecast.

Best wishes,

Mr Corke

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