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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very exciting fifth week of term! Our Forest School provision has grown with the addition of mud kitchens and bug hotels, which the children are already enjoying. To continue developing this area, we would welcome donations of steel pans, bowls, wellies, or waterpumps.

Successful School Mass – Wednesday 1 October

We were delighted to celebrate a wonderful school Mass on Wednesday 1 October. It was a meaningful occasion for our whole community, with excellent participation from the children and staff.

A parishioner kindly shared:

"It was truly uplifting to see the children so engaged and respectful during the Mass. Their enthusiasm and reverence made the celebration very special."

Success of Year 1 English Café

We are delighted to share some wonderful feedback from a parent who observed Miss Cross's English lesson in Year 1

"I had the opportunity to observe Miss Cross teaching an English lesson and was very impressed with her approach and the way she engaged the class. The children remained attentive throughout and showed respect and focus—a credit to her classroom management. Miss Cross encouraged all pupils to participate and created an interactive atmosphere where every child could contribute."

The task was well thought out, with pupils using their imagination to create short sentences inspired by the class text. Clear expectations were set, including the correct use of finger spaces and full stops, and the children responded very positively."

Overall, it was a highly engaging and well-structured lesson. Miss Cross demonstrated excellent teaching practice, balancing creativity with key literacy skills, and the children clearly benefited from her guidance."

School Meals – Moving to Arbor

After half term, we will be moving to Arbor for food choices. This means that you will need to select your child's meals in advance together. This change is designed to encourage conversations at home about healthy food choices and will also reduce the amount of time currently spent in school setting dinner options. At the moment, we are losing nearly an hour of learning each week due to this. Please also ensure your child brings water in their bottle rather than juice, to support healthy hydration throughout the day.

Clubs and Payments

We are also moving to Arbor for payments. Please note:

- All club places must be paid for in advance.
- If payment has not been made, your child's place may be withdrawn.
- We currently have a number of unpaid club bookings, so please check your Arbor account.

Behaviour Towards Staff

I would like to remind everyone of the importance of treating staff respectfully. Shouting at or threatening staff will not be tolerated. Continued incidents will lead to formal meetings, written warnings, and possible restrictions on access to the school grounds. Thank you for working with us to maintain a safe and positive environment.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening appointments are now available to book on Arbor. We have two dates available, so please sign up at your earliest convenience. Please note that the Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 8th and 15th October.

Breakfast Club

Please note that the cut-off time for Breakfast Club is 8:15am. Children should arrive before this time so that staff can be fully engaged with pupils, rather than managing late arrivals.

Upcoming Events

- Next week, our Year 4 children will be attending a hockey tournament at RGS. We wish them the best of luck!
- We will also be hosting an English Café for Year 2 pupils soon—more details to follow.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Yeoman