

Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our KS2 Celebration assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Kingsbury: Jack, Lillie-Anne, Izabel and Oliver

Newtown: Martha, Joseph, Leo and Lillie-Mae

Crackmore: Nathan, Toby, Alanna and Molly

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Festival in St. John's Church last Friday. It was lovely to come together as a school community of children, staff and parents to celebrate Harvest. Many thanks for your generous donations to Milborne Port's Food Share; they are much appreciated.

We have a busy week coming up as we approach the half term break. Next Monday and Tuesday, we have Parents' Evenings for Medlycott, Venn, Kingsbury, Newtown and Crackmore classes. (Gainsborough Class will be having their Parents' Evenings in November). Please come to the Hall 10 minutes before your appointment time so that you have the opportunity to look at your child's work. A Year 5 or 6 pupil will then take you to your child's classroom for your 10-minute appointment.

Please remember that there will be no after school clubs next week. These will resume on Tuesday 31st October. If you would like to sign your child/ren up for Mrs Bright's ReBorne Club, please use this website: <https://rebornechurch.churchsuite.com/events/ioogahi0>. The cost of the club is £7 for the half term. If your child/ren attend The ReBorne Youth Club (for Years 6 – 11), please note that the club will not meet until Tuesday 7th November.

On Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October, there will be a Book Fair in the Hall after school. Please do come and have a look at the books and maybe take the opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping! The school benefits from commission on all sales!

On Friday 20th, we will be holding our Autumn Discos. Please note that these are **not** Halloween Discos and that normal home clothes should be worn. Thank you for your support with this.

Safe social media for primary aged children

The guidance below is taken from the Place2Be website and I recommend it to you:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/safe-social-media-for-primary-aged-children>

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- Please note that most social media sites are age-restricted. **Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube and TikTok accounts are for 13+ only. The minimum age in the UK for WhatsApp is 16 years old.** This is to keep your child safe. Please don't allow your child to sign up before they are old enough, and even when they are, think about how ready they are for this.
- Check their privacy settings on electronic devices to make sure that they are protected and do this regularly as sometimes these are reset automatically. Sometimes, even privacy settings will show a photo and name so check this too.
- Weak privacy settings may make it possible for someone they don't know, or is not trustworthy, to contact them.
- Check your child's social media use regularly so you know what they're doing. Be alert to cyber bullying, which can include sexting, sharing embarrassing images, creating fake profiles or mocking.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Rodd

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