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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This week has certainly had an autumnal feel to it! Please ensure your child has a named coat and wellington boots in school as we will go outside as much as we can to learn and play.

Thank you to the parents who came to our welcome meetings to meet the teachers. We hope you found them helpful and informative about what the children will be doing this year. The presentations are available to view and download from our website. [Reception](#). [Year 1](#). [Year 2](#).

Parents Evening dates are being organised to take place over the next month and these details will be sent out to you shortly.

YR Morning Drop Off

Please can we politely remind you to leave the site promptly after you have dropped your child at school. This is for health and safety reasons so we can ensure we know who is on our site and that it is secure. Thank you.

Half Term Travel

As we approach half term we would like to remind you of the potential implications of travel over half term as the number of cases in Europe is continuing to rise and it is likely that quarantining will be in place for a number of countries.

Schoolgateway Online Payments

We have the Schoolgateway in our school which is an online payment system. Schoolgateway enables you to make online payments to school for trips and clubs. You can make payments using the Schoolgateway app on your smartphone or from the Schoolgateway website.

We take bookings and payment for WASPS (the before and after school club) and for other school activities.

To start using Schoolgateway please follow the instructions below for registering.

Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can send app messages to the school for FREE - this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

OR

Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

We'll notify you by text or email when new items are available for payment.

If you're having trouble logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

We hope that you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to pay for school items.

Water Bottles

If your child needs a new water please contact the school office. Water bottles cost £1.50 which is paid via the Schoolgateway.



News, Views and Celebrations

Donations for Harvest Festival

This year we will be celebrating harvest festival the best we can in the current situation with the children learning all about harvest in their classes and doing different activities in the classrooms.

Each year we have a harvest collection which we donate to the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse who provide help to local families in times of crisis. There are many families who need help during this very difficult time.

We would be grateful to receive food donations that are non-perishable everyday items with a good shelf life that we can donate to these causes. Please bring your donations into school during the week commencing Monday 5th October. Please can the children place their donation in the collection boxes during the week commencing Monday 5th October. Aylesbury Vineyard are currently asking for the following items on their website. Thank you for your support.

- Tinned or Fresh Veg
- UHT or Fresh Milk
- Tinned or Fresh Potatoes
- Rice
- Soups
- Pasta Sauces
- Tinned Tomatoes

Black History Month

Black History Month has been marked in the UK for the last 30 years and takes place in October. Please find enclosed the newsletter produced by Mind.

#HelloYellow : Mental Health Day - Monday 12th October

We are supporting Mental Health Day– #HelloYellow. We wish to recognise this special cause by asking the children to come to school dressed in something yellow– it can be any one thing in yellow from a yellow hair band, a pair of socks to a yellow top. If you wish, please make a donation directly via the Young Minds website. [Donate here](#). This will be a full mufti day for the children to come to school in their own clothes.

Children in Need– Change Young Lives

On Friday 13th November we will be supporting Children in Need by inviting the children to come to school wearing something spotty in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. This is a full mufti day. Please send your donation in via the Schoolgateway.

Best wishes

Lucy McNeil