

# Ely St John's Newsletter

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Dear all,

## **Harvest at ESJ**

Usually at this time of year Ely St John's will be preparing to bring in donations for Ely Foodbank. This year, things will be a little different. Ely Foodbank has been in contact with the good news that they have received a lot of donations over the last few months and are fully stocked. This, coupled with the difficulty in bringing in items to school from lots of different households in current circumstances, means we have come to the decision that we will not be bringing donations this year. The children will still be spending time at school considering the importance of generosity to those less fortunate. They will be listening to a Harvest assembly focused on 'What does Harvest mean to you?' and also be invited to take part in a Harvest activity at home that will be put onto the school's website - please look out for this and encourage your child to have a go! Ely Foodbank suggested that if we would like to help support them in any way, a donation of £1 that they could put aside to use at Christmas time would be greatly appreciated. We are inviting you to bring this donation into school in a sealed envelope on Friday 2nd October. This is a voluntary donation and we completely understand that some families may not be in a position to donate this year.

## **COVID updates**

We have tweaked our risk assessment to manage the process of receiving news of suspected/possible cases better. Please see the attached letter.

## **Friends Event:**

The friends have been considering how best to continue their active fund raising and have already communicated about second hand uniform sales. On Friday 13th November the Friends will be holding a non-uniform day with all proceeds being split between Children in Need and The Friends. So hang up your uniform for the day, dig out your Pudsey ears and donate what you can.

## **A few key dates:**

### **October**

2: Harvest  
26 to 30: Half Term

### **November**

10: Virtual World War II day for Yr5  
13: Children In Need – non-uniform

### **December**

9: Flu Vaccinations for Foundation to Yr6  
17: Christmas Dinner Day  
18: Term Ends

**Spring Term starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

*Best wishes,*

*Liz Bassett*

