

October Newsletter, October 2020



Dear Parents and friends,

I can't thank you enough for all your support getting the children back to school safely and sensibly. This has helped us all settle back into school life and the children are doing so well with the new routines and the 'new normal'. We are continually looking for creative ways to keep expectations, traditions, celebrations and activities moving forward under the new Covid guidelines. Please get in touch if you have any bright ideas!

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Pupil profile/ report evening



A traditional parent evening will not be possible at present. The staff have written a pupil profile that will come home on **Friday 2nd October**. This is based on how well each child has settled into their new class and initial assessments and observations in core subjects. If you have concerns following this report, please email your class teacher and they will follow up with a telephone appointment.



PTA

We are missing the PTA events so much, we are going to continue with...



Pumpkin off - from Wednesday 21.10.20 children are invited to bring in a carved pumpkin and £1 to enter the competition (this will fund the prizes and treats on Halloween day). On Friday 23.10.2020 we will award a winner in every class from Toucans to Nursery. Happy carving!

COVID SAFE: Children should bring the pumpkins to their own classroom and we will have a box where children can put their £1 entry into. Children will wash their hands after handling the money. Staff will put on gloves to count!

Halloween treat- Friday 23.10.20- For working so hard this term, children can come dressed in their favourite halloween costumes for a day of halloween fun! Please ensure the children are still in warm clothing and a costume they can sit in, run around in and play in!



I'm so sad that we will not be sharing the harvest festival with Reverend John and the community of Amble but we are going to celebrate virtually! Reverend John will be joining our classrooms via videolink on Thursday 22nd and each class will continue the tradition of sharing a poem, prayer, song or story to mark the occasion. We will add these to our website and Facebook!



In true tradition we will also collect tins, boxes and packets of food for the Amble Food Bank during harvest. We are going to have a crew competition which the crew leaders in year four will lead- watch out for the video! You can start sending your donations in from **Monday 5th October**.



Reminder to layer up those clothes!

Due to Covid, we are opening more windows to keep the classrooms ventilated. When it gets too cold we will minimise this as much as possible but could I urge all families to dress the kids as warmly as you can.



Walk to School week

Next week is a walk to school week, starting **Monday 5th October**. We have lots of badges and stickers to hand out just for walking to school! If you're not walking already, then please try to make a special effort next week. If you have to come by car for work or because of the distance, etc. I challenge you to park a block away and then walk!

Best wishes from,

The Amble First School Team