



Dear Parents,

### Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church during the morning of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023. As we will be walking to the church the children will need a waterproof coat.

Unfortunately, as space is limited, we are unable to invite parents to the festival. However, if any parents could help accompany the children to and from the church this would be appreciated and these parents are welcome to stay for the service. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to help.



### Flu Vaccine – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

You have recently received an email with information on this year's nasal flu vaccination programme. Please remember, if you have not yet given permission online, using the unique code noted in the letter (dated 11<sup>th</sup> September) please complete by tomorrow's deadline, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.



The vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**, please note that **no child can be vaccinated without parental consent**. Please complete this form even if you **do not** wish for your child to be vaccinated.

**If your child has developed any medical issues in the week before the session (i.e. after you have submitted the consent form) please contact the school health team directly on 02382 312880 or email [northwesthantsimmunisationteam@southerhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:northwesthantsimmunisationteam@southerhealth.nhs.uk)**

### Parents Evening Appointments

This year appointments will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** and **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. The online bookings are now open. Please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the event code **B74ET**.



Bookings will close at **midday** on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please make your appointments before this date.

### Water Bottles

It is important that all children have a bottle of water in school every day. This needs to be a **clear plastic bottle** so that we can monitor how much children are drinking **and with a sports lid** to avoid spills. Water bottles can be purchased at a cost of £2.00 each on [SchoolMoney](#) (shop function) through the Teachers2Parents app or the website [SchoolMoney](#)



### Scooter/Bike Safety Message

Please help us to keep our children safe by reminding them not to ride scooters or bikes on the school grounds before or after school (children must dismount at the school gate). Thank you for your support.



### Family Photograph Session – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

There are very limited spaces available at our Family Photograph Session on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Bookings are still open using code **JSQNE** at [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

If you are unable to attend your slot please log in to [SchoolInterviews](#) and cancel your appointment. (The link can also be found in your original booking confirmation email.)

## Year Group News

### Year R

This week Year R have been creating a steady beat in Music and have been enjoying learning their Big Red Combine Harvester song for Harvest Festival. In Maths the children have been measuring and comparing the size of their feet. Phonics has been great fun, learning new sounds and building words!

### Year 1

This week in year 1, the children have been learning all about nouns in English and finding different nouns in the story "The Hungry Caterpillar". The children have started using the word "and" to join sentences together and learning the features of a diary entry. In Maths, the children have continued learning their number bonds to 4, 5, 6 and 7, and recognising and sorting coins into different groups. In Geography this week the children have explored ariel maps of Basingstoke and in Science they enjoyed investigating their sense of taste using different fruits.

### Year 2

Year 2 had a good week writing fun recipes for Rufus from 'The Rascally Cake'. They also wrote him a letter to help him to eat more healthily in the future. In Maths the children have been learning to add two numbers by drawing cups and have been counting on in tens from any number. In Music, the children have been exploring tempo and how to keep a steady beat using instruments. They have learnt the Italian word 'accelerando' which means the music gets faster. In RHEd, the children have been talking about strategies people can use when they experience big feelings, taking deep breaths when feeling angry.

## Half-Term Holiday Clubs

- **Kempshott Junior** School are now taking bookings for the half term holiday club which is running from Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October.  
Fees are £30 per day, with a 10% discount for siblings.  
Please either telephone 01256 326713 or email [adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk) for an application form.
- **Sports Xtra** will be holding their half-term holiday camp at the Everest Academy, from Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2023 (9am – 4pm). £25.00 per child per day. Please visit our school website <https://www.kempshottinfants.com/community-news/> for more information.



## Diary dates

Please see the separate sheet for forthcoming events at school.

## Reminders:

- **Year 1 Kempshott Walk – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:** If you wish for your child to attend this trip, please complete the short Google form on the letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September to give permission by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that without permission your child will be unable to investigate the Kempshott area with their class.
- **Children starting school in September 2024**  
Is your child due to start school in September 2024? Please visit our website <https://www.kempshottinfants.com/new-parents/> for visit dates and online booking information.

- **SENDCo Surgery**

Appointments are available for our next SENDCo Surgery on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

To book an appointment please email **Mrs Clarke** at [s.clarke@kempshott-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:s.clarke@kempshott-inf.hants.sch.uk)

For more information please see the email dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

- **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

You are able to fill any sized shoe box that you have at home, or alternatively we do have a limited number of flat packed boxes that the Rotary Club have donated at school. If you are unable to fill a shoebox but would still like to donate some items, we will be making up some boxes at school with donations that we receive.

Please send any completed boxes or donations in to school by **9am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you for your support!



Yours sincerely

*N. Potter*

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