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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope that your Summer Holidays were a welcome change from school for a few weeks, but that your children are excited to be back. Please see below for some information on upcoming events.

### **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and Race For Life**



Please join us for coffee, tea and cake at our Macmillan coffee afternoon on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September** from 2.15pm onwards. Our school

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council will be helping to run an informal afternoon for Chesterton families on the school playground (weather permitting). In the case of wet or windy weather, we will be in the school hall. Please come along for a hot drink, chat and a slice of cake (or two!).

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of cakes – large or small – that we can serve at this event to raise much needed funds for a fantastic cause. Please send any cakes into your child's class at the start of the day on Thursday.

Any cakes left at the end of the afternoon will be sold on the playground in aid of Macmillan.

Following the success of last year's Race for Life and the incredible amount of money raised, Mrs Rotherham has organised another edition on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the separate letter.



### **Harvest Service and Collection**

This year, we are again holding our Harvest Collective Worship at school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Each class will be sharing their Harvest thoughts and we will be singing some songs.

As part of Harvest, we always like to show our gratitude for the many things that we are



fortunate to have in our lives by raising some money for a chosen charity. This year, our Harvest donations will be supporting a church feeding scheme in a township in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. This scheme is providing valuable assistance to many of the children who attend our partner school, Qugwala, whose families have been affected by food poverty that has been exacerbated by COVID-19

More details will be shared nearer the time with both yourselves and the children and our School Councillors will be present on the playground at drop-off and pick-up time on the 5<sup>th</sup> October if you would like to make a donation, however large or small.



### **Documents For The School Office**

You will shortly receive a number of 'admin' documents from the school office. Please make sure that you return the following documents as soon as possible: annual permission slips, Home School Agreements (signed by children and parents), data and contact details sheets and ICT user agreements. It will make Mrs Durham's and Mrs Pull's jobs much easier to have all these in promptly.

### **Break Time Snacks & Lunch Boxes**

If your child is in Year 3, please be aware that they will no longer receive a free fruit and veg snack at break time as this scheme only provides for pupils up to the end of Year 2. Older children can bring in a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables from home (separate to their lunch box) to eat at break time. Cereal bars or fruit-based sweets are not suitable as break-time snacks.

We have noticed a number of 'lost property' items appearing on the lunchbox trolley. These mostly consist of unclaimed Tupperware and water bottles, which often look new and expensive and are hard to reunite with their owners. To help avoid lost items, or those gathering mould on the trolley, please provide some sort of clearly labelled lunch box or cool bag. In our quest to reduce single-use plastics and unnecessary waste, please avoid sending lunch in carrier bags as these are hard to identify and often end up being unclaimed.



### **Chesterton Sports Kit**

Unfortunately, we are still painfully short of some school sports kit, with some items not being returned at the end of the last school year. It is really disappointing for the children if there is not enough matching kit for their team to wear and we don't have the budget to replace lost items, so please ask your children to check under their beds or in their wardrobes and return to school as soon as possible! Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr I. Horner

Headteacher

