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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



Please join us for coffee, tea and cake at our Macmillan coffee afternoon on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** from 2.15pm onwards.

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Apologies for the short notice on this event, but hopefully you have already seen the date on the class newsletter or website.

Our School Council will be helping to run an informal afternoon for Chesterton families 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 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

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



### Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme

The flu vaccination programme will be taking place on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** for all year groups. Please look out for further information; as last year, permission will be given online.

### School Photographs

The School Photography Company will be coming into school on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** to take portrait photographs. Further details to follow.

### Open Classrooms Afternoon

Straight after school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** (3.15-3.45), your child's classroom will be open to view what the children have been doing since the start of term.



### Harvest Service and Collection

This year, we are again holding our Harvest Collective Worship at school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Each class will be sharing their Harvest thoughts and we will be singing some songs. Please note that our Harvest Collective Worship is for pupils only. We will be inviting parents to class sharing

worships very soon (Rowan and Oak parents can attend this Friday for our Woodlands assembly). Please see the 'Dates' section of the school website for more details.

As part of Harvest, we will also be collecting donations for the Bicester Food Bank. This has been very successful in the past with generous contributions sorted by our helpful Collective Worship councillors and loaded into the Food Bank van. Bicester Food Bank supports local families in need with emergency supplies. Please see below for their requested items.

**These items are needed for our food parcels**

Small jars of coffee  
Jam or peanut butter  
Tinned vegetables (including tomatoes)  
Tinned meat meals  
Tinned fruit  
Rice pudding

**We currently have enough:**

Pasta and rice  
Baked beans  
Soup  
Breakfast Cereal  
Teabags

Please bring any donated items to the school hall on the Tuesday morning.



**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, Mrs Pull's and Miss Davies' jobs much easier to have all these in promptly.

**Break Time Snacks & Lunch Boxes & School Uniform**

If your child is in Year 3 or above, please be aware that they 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 trolleys. 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 name these and 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.

We also are also starting to accumulate a large amount of lost property, much of which is brand new but isn't named. **Please remember to name any uniform or items that come into school.**



Yours sincerely, Mr I. Horner – Headteacher



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