

# Church Crookham News

*"Achievement By All"*

## **'Fabulous Friday' 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Tomorrow is 'Fabulous Friday' where children can wear mufti clothes and enjoy the day taking part in various enrichment activities. These may include craft activities, sporting activities or maybe a musical activity. Many of you will know that each term, prior to COVID, we ran 'Fantastic Fridays' where children can choose which activities to participate in and maybe even go on school trips or have activities led by visitors to our school. We are keen to replicate as many exciting opportunities as we can for our children and 'Fabulous Friday' is the result. There is no cost for the activities and the children will be remaining in their classes with their teachers to take part in the events. We expect that this will be well received by the children and they make the most of the experiences offered to them.

## **Harvest Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to operate our 'Harvest Breakfast'. In place of this, we have organised some Harvest activities, a virtual Harvest Assembly led by FACCTs (Fleet and Church Crookham Churches Together) and we are asking for food donations for Hart Food Bank to help us to think about the meaning of Harvest during this time. Any donations for Hart Food Bank will be gathered and displayed and they can be brought into school any day until **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. Hart Food Bank donations have stated that their stocks are particularly low in:

- ✓ Sponge puddings
- ✓ Custard
- ✓ Rice puddings
- ✓ Long life juices
- ✓ Toothbrushes

Hart Food Bank have already a large stock of tinned tomatoes, soup, pasta and baked beans. I am sure you will agree that this charity is particularly in need, as many individuals and families are particularly reliant on the Hart Food Bank at this time.

### Dates

**16<sup>th</sup> October** – 'Fabulous Friday'. Children will take part in activities in their Year Group Bubble. This is a slightly different version of our traditional 'Fantastic Fridays' which we run once a term. Children to come to school in Mufti.

**22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Harvest. Donations for Hart Food Bank would be appreciated.

**23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Inset Day (School is closed for Inset Day)

**26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October** – Half-term

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Start of Half Term.

### Inset Days

Provided that school remains fully open, our planned Inset Days are:  
23<sup>rd</sup> October  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan  
12<sup>th</sup> Feb  
28<sup>th</sup> June

## Walk to School Week

Last week was 'Walk to School Week' and it was great to see so many children take part in this. It is increasingly important that efforts are made to keep roads around the school site less congested so there is space for families and children to walk safely to and from school. Thank you to the many of you who do walk or continue to use the Bowenhurst Church Car Park to 'stop and drop'.

## Staffing Update

We are delighted to have welcomed Mrs. Mandy McGinness and Miss Victoria Johnson to our Admin Team at school. We will shortly be welcoming Mr Jonathan Riches to our Learning Support Assistant Team too. At half-term we will be saying a very sad and fond farewell to Mr and Mrs Halton (Nick and Helen). Nick has been our caretaker for nearly 20 years and was involved in our PTA prior to this. Helen has been working on our support staff team for a large number of years and both Helen and Nick have been very much part of our school team. Nick has also been one of our school governors and volunteered on many residential trips too. It is very much an exciting time for them as they make plans to move away and start their retirement but I would personally like to thank them both for all the hours and support they have given to our school over the years. We know it'll be an extremely sad day and, very much the end of an era, when they both leave at half-term. We wish them well and know they will keep in touch.

## School Parental Governor Vacancy

We will soon be sending out information about our governing body and inviting and parents who would be keen to join our proactive Governing Body. More information will follow but it is a great opportunity to give something back to our school community.

## CCJS PTA

Our PTA are working hard – despite the fact that we can't run the discos and some other events. Details will follow, but we have asked children to complete a design for a personalised Christmas card and a self-portrait for a class tea towel that will be available to purchase next term. Both of these will provide a great personalised Christmas surprise for friends and family.

## Parent Consultation Evenings

Next half-term there will be an opportunity to talk to your child's teacher but unfortunately this will not be face-to-face meetings. Since the announcements this term, particularly relating to the 'rule of six' we are unable to invite parents to school for them. Details of dates and how these meetings will be sent out to you soon.

## ... and finally....

We have continued to work hard to make sure that school is a safe and happy place for all our children. We are doing all we can to ensure this is particularly evident in our school during the current pandemic. You may have noticed some signs up around the school site reminding us all to keep 2 metres distance from each other and ensuring everyone is kept as safe as possible. We urge you all to follow this guidance to help keep everyone safe.

Kind regards,

*P. Meek*

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Headteacher

