



Windermere Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was delightful to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival Assembly despite the late change of date. Year 5 took the lead role and did an excellent job. We are still welcoming donations to The Living Room in St Albans until Thursday 23rd October. We are looking for the following please:

- Night lights
- 1st & 2nd class stamps
- Toilet rolls
- Coffee (especially instant de-caff)
- Sugar/sweeteners
- Blackcurrant/orange squash
- Cup-a-soups

School Photos

Don't forget to return your orders for school photographs if you would like them by Monday 20th October.

Unnamed Uniform

The children are looking very smart, especially KS2, and are clearly proud of their uniform. It is therefore surprising that so many jumpers and cardigans are not named!! Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly named and also if your child accidentally brings home someone else's garment, please return it to school promptly.

Reading

Reading is an essential skill without which every sphere of school, and indeed life, becomes challenging. Our job is to teach your child to read, but just like any top athlete or musician, **good** reading requires practice. We expect every child to read at home to an adult five times a week for at least ten minutes. At school we teach reading skills every day and listen to your child at least once a week, but we cannot listen to every child every day as even five minutes per child would take two and a half hours a day!

Volunteers

Having said that we welcome volunteers who are able to come into school and listen to readers, especially in the afternoons. Please contact the class teacher if you are able to help regularly.



Next week is our **Learning Together Week** and the focus is Design and Technology. All the classes will be investigating, designing, creating, building or cooking. These tend to be very adult intensive tasks, so if you can't help regularly, but could lend a hand next week please have a word with the class teacher and see if they need a bit of extra help with the practical tasks of the week.

Football

The football season is well underway. This year we have entered both a boys' and a girls' football team. The boys have already played two matches. Their first match against Abbey Primary School was lost, 2-0, but their second match was a very closely fought contest against How Wood Primary School when they drew 2-2. The girls have played their inaugural match against the much more experienced Cunningham Hill team. They were disappointed not to win, but played an excellent game and never lost heart despite losing the game 9-0. Supporters are always welcome to come along and cheer!

Corner Cutting

Over the summer we had our fantastic 'red brick road' path extended to the front gate and the KS1 gate. Part of these works included a new flower bed to prevent the corner of the path being cut across. It was therefore disappointing to watch parents cut across the grass with buggies before coming into the school entrance. This brings mud and grass into the school unnecessarily, so please avoid doing so.

Help

This may seem an odd request, but if anyone is doing a spot of home re-organisation and is looking to get rid of a set of bunk beds, could you let me know?

And finally....

Don't forget that we finish for half term at 3.15pm next Friday, 24th October. Please make sure that your child brings home their PE kit, lunch box and all their various belongings. We return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Raftery
Headteacher