



Strength and Courage

Newsletter – Autumn term 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children will be reflecting on the theme of ‘harvest’ during assembly next week. Linked to this our school will be supporting Thurrock Foodbank, a local charity providing emergency food and support to families. If you wish to make a food contribution to this project, please could these be brought to school during the next 5 school days. We have been told that only non-perishable items can be accepted.

We have been told that the most urgent needs are:

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| <i>Breakfast cereals</i> | <i>Tinned meat</i> | <i>Long life fruit juice</i> |
| <i>Tinned tomatoes</i> | <i>Tinned fish</i> | <i>Long life milk</i> |
| <i>Tinned vegetables</i> | <i>Instant mash</i> | <i>Rice pudding</i> |
| <i>Pasta sauce</i> | <i>Tinned soup</i> | <i>Tinned fruit</i> |
| <i>Cooking sauce</i> | <i>Cup-a-soups</i> | <i>Teabags</i> |

Packed lunch

Some pupils in our school have nut allergies. This is a reminder that food containing nuts should not be brought into school – for example, Nutella, chocolate hazelnut spread or peanut butter in sandwiches or in other food products.

Birthday Goodies

We are receiving an increasing number of requests to distribute ‘Goody Bags’ or cakes and other items to classes on children’s birthdays. Whilst this is a very kind gesture, unfortunately this is not feasible due to the time involved or medical considerations such as serious allergies. Therefore, in future, only very small, simple multi-pack items such as Haribos, Smarties, mini chocolate bars (no nuts please) or mini chocolate buttons will be distributed. Thank you.

Emergency Contacts

Please ensure you inform the school office if emergency contacts and telephone numbers change. Please do not hesitate to check if you believe the details held on the school system may not be up-to-date.

Retirement

After 10 years of employment at the school, we said a sad farewell to Mr Sear our caretaker last week. We are very grateful to Mr Sear for taking such a pride in the school grounds enabling pupils to experience the joy of planting and growing. As a result, we have consistently achieved the gold standard in many outdoor environment competitions and our Farmers’ Markets are now quite famous!

Coats

It is important your child comes to school suitably dressed for the cold and rainy weather conditions. Please ensure your child's name is on all uniform including coats.

Non-uniform Day - Friday 18th October

The last day of term will be non-uniform, **wearing colours found in autumn**. FOWTA (Friends of West Thurrock Academy) ask for a donation of £1 on this day. Funds raised through half-term non-uniform days are discussed at School Council meetings and allocated to areas prioritised by the pupils.

Pupils return to school on Monday 4th November 2019.

Thank you for your wonderful support.



Susan Cook
Headteacher

