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Friday 9th October 2020

Dear parents,

I hope that you have all managed to read the FOMS newsletter that was sent out this week. As a school we are determined to raise money with the support of the whole school community so that FOMS can continue to support each class through the generous donation of £400.00 each academic year and to provide other essential resources that the school needs. Please contact FOMS if you have any ideas for fundraising events or you are able to offer any time or support to the team. They are holding their annual AGM meeting on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm via ZOOM. Everyone is welcome to join this meeting and can do so via this link: <https://zoom.us/j/99561491804>.

Key dates and information:

- **Year 6 Kent Test: Thursday 6th October**
Year 6 children will be completing the Kent Test in school next week.
- **Harvest donations for Pilsdon at Malling Community and local food banks: Please send in your donations from next week on Monday 12th until Wednesday 21st October**
We will be collecting donations for this local charitable organisation and for local food banks that support people in times of need, perhaps more relevant than ever this year. Please bring your contributions of tinned and packet goods, unused toiletries, baby supplies or personal hygiene items (please do not send fresh produce or fresh pasta) and leave them in the boxes at the school gates on the above dates. We will display our collection in the school hall as part of our Harvest celebrations and share with the children how we are helping others.
- **Half Term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th October**
Term 1 finishes on Friday 23rd October. Term 2 begins on Monday 2nd November.
- **School flu immunisations for Year R - Year 6: Tuesday 24th November**
Please complete the online consent form before 19th November 2020. The information letter containing the link to the form was emailed to all parents on 6th October.
- **Parent consultation meetings: From Monday 16th November over a two week period**
We will be holding our November Parent Consultation Meetings on a one to one basis via ZOOM. On Friday 13th November, parents will receive information about their child's attainment. More information about your child's data and how to book your parent consultation will be provided before the end of this term.
- **School photographs: Thursday 22nd April 2021 (Term 5)**
Advance notice that we will have *Van Cols school photographers* coming into school all day, taking class photos of each year group, plus individual pupil and family group photos in Term 5.

I would like to thank all the parents that are kindly promoting our school tours for Reception 2021 entry. **All the information and details are on our school website:** <http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/september-2021-intake/>
These will start after October half term under strict COVID measures and will run after the end of the school day.

Finally, I am also including the results of the July 2020 parent survey for your information and would like to thank all parents that took part and provided the school with very useful feedback. **Please see the information attached.**

I wish you and your family a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lavelle Head Teacher