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Dear Parents/Carers

Harvest Festival

Thank you all for your donations towards the food bank at Harvest Time and to Reverend Anne for her engaging service, reminding us to share what we have. The children's behaviour was impeccable and they all sang beautifully.

Thank your Vicar Week

We are in the unique and fortunate position of having two Incumbents connected to our school: Reverend Anne and Father Paschal. As well as their relentless work for the community, they play a very full and important part in the life of our school. This week, every class thought about what work they did and made cards, wrote messages and letters for them (but sshh they haven't got them yet-it's a surprise!)

African Story Teller

I'm sure that many of you will have heard already about our brilliant day of African storytelling yesterday. Griot Chinyere is a British-born African storyteller and fire dancer, ascending from the Igbo people of West Africa. Her interactive storytelling had staff and children transfixed all day. Her feedback in our visitor's book was as follows.

'Had a high-energy day with this wonderful school. The staff were friendly and the children full of joy and enthusiasm. Whatever you are doing, keep doing it'.

Fine praise indeed from such an inspirational woman.

If you would like to watch a video of her telling a story or learn more about her work please go to:

info@shanti-chi.com or www.shanti-chi.com

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Fire Evacuation

We have been training our children in fire evacuation procedures and are very pleased that the whole school can exit the building in silence, in just under two minutes. After half-term we will be practising our lockdown procedures.

Road Safety: Polygon Road

Thank you to Mr Walker, our ever-resourceful Site Services Officer, who has made a stand-up sign to tell traffic on Polygon Road to slow down.

Unfortunately, the council are very slow to respond to our request to have additional safety measures put in place such as barriers and a crossing, but we will continue to push and in the meantime, ask you to take extra care when walking along or crossing Polygon Road - hold onto your small children very tightly.

Don't forget-the clocks go back at 2am on Sunday 27th October!

Coats please on every child every day after half-term.

May I wish you all, on behalf of the staff and Governors, a restful half term holiday.

School starts again on Tuesday 29th October at 8:50am and we look forward to seeing you all then.

Kind regards,

Ms J Belton
Headteacher