

## Harvest Festival

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November



This week we are collecting donations of non-perishable foods for the Caterham Foodbank. The donated items will be on display to the children for their assembly on Thursday when they will learn more about the Trussell Trust, the local charity Darwin House has chosen to support this year. Please hand all donations in to the school office or class teacher. Please remember all items should be unopened, in date and in good condition.

Thank you.

Unfortunately we will not be inviting parents to join us for the Harvest Assembly due to the capacity of the hall, however we will share the event in the newsletter, via twitter and on the website.

### Orange Muffi-Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

We are joining in with the national campaign to Stand Up to Cancer, raising money for Cancer Research UK. Children are invited to get orange-ified, to wear an item of orange clothing to school on Friday – pull on their brightest orange socks, tshirt, jumper or hairband – the bolder the better! – and make a donation towards Cancer Research UK. We also have a box of pin badges for sale in the school office this week.



### Toy Appeal

Do you have any old toys suitable for the children in EYFS and KS1 to play with at lunch time? Unwanted large trucks like tonka toys or quick dressing up clothes like tutu tutus and plastic hats like fire, police etc would be very useful. Please hand any donations in to the school office.

Thank you.

### Author Visit



Book readings are a great way to encourage children to read. Last week we were pleased to welcome local author Nicola Rowley who read to the children then visited each class in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 encouraging the children to talk about story writing and the ideas behind her book 'James and the Birthday Balloon' an uplifting children's picture book about how a smile can go a long way to impact on the lives of others. The story focuses on happiness and friendship and aims to teach children of the importance of helping others.

### Reminder for our Year 6 parents - Secondary School Applications

Applications for secondary school need to be completed online by 31<sup>st</sup> October. You can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or call 0300 200 1004

## Bags 2 School – collection on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

We have a partnership with a company called Bags 2 School, which specialises in recycling **good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used**, and fundraising for the school. Bag 2 School bags will be given to the children this week in order to give you the half term to have a sort out. If you collect more than a bag full you can fill any bag. All the bags we collect are weighed and the school receives payment per tonne. There is no limit on the number of bags to fill! The more we collect the more money we will raise!

All clothing collected by Bags 2 School is sold to importers and wholesalers in many countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia.

Please bring in all bags on **WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> November** and leave them in the shelter in the front playground ready for collection at 9.15am. Please do not return the bags to school before this date, we do not have the room to store them. Thank you.



## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 – trip to British Museum Nasal Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for prospective parents from 9.30am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly – collecting for the Caterham Foodbank
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SU2C</b> – wear orange and donate £1.00 to Cancer Research Break up for half term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Back to school Year 3 – Chocolate Workshop
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 – Trip to Bodium Castle
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Reception – Bedtime Stories / Pyjama Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Space Camp
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening – information to follow
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening – information to follow
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Bingo – fundraising event – information to follow
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Bags 2 School Collection
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET DAY
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Mufti Day – Information to follow
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Market
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Performance 11.15am and 2.00pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 trip to the Harlequin Theatre Reception Class Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Nasal Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Reception 'Christmas Craft-er-noon' – information to follow