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Dear Parents/Carers

## Harvest Festival Assembly

Next Friday, 17 October we will be holding our Harvest Festival. As usual we wish to support our local charity 'Caring for Life' based at Crag Farm. As many of you will know this charity supports vulnerable young people at the farm and in the community.

Our school is always very generous in support of this worthy cause and I would ask for packeted/tinned food items (no fresh food please) particularly in small quantities that can support such young people at the farm but particularly in their own homes.

## School Photographs

Tempest, the school photographer will be visiting on Thursday 16 October to take individual and family group photographs. If you have a child of pre-school age you would like to be included in the photo then please make your way to the school library for 8.30 am.

The photographs will be quite different from previous years with a white background and a more relaxed pose of the children which we are hoping parents will be pleased with. (A sample can be seen in the school office window).

## Holt Park Leisure Centre Holiday Activities

We have a rather splendid banner advertising Holt Park Leisure Centre and the events running this autumn and over the half term break. We do not have space to list all the opportunities for the children and young people but please have a look at the itinerary inside the centre to see what is available.

## African Visitors

School was an extra special place last week when the children had teachers from South Africa and Nigeria visiting classrooms. The week was a great success and is the beginning of a 3 year project called 'Connecting Classrooms' whereby our school and two local schools develop educational projects with six schools in the two African countries. I would like to thank teachers, parents and governors who contributed to an excellent week.

### Reception Phonics Meeting

Thank you to our reception team for organising two 'Phonics' meetings for parents this week. The ability of children to use phonics effectively is vital for their development as readers and writers. Parental help of reception and beyond is also of great importance. If you would like any help to support your child in consolidating phonics please contact school.

### Half Term Holiday Dates

School will close for half term on Friday 24 October and re-open on Monday 3 November.

### Autumn Term Parental Consultations

Consultation evenings for parents will be held on Tuesday 11 November and Wednesday 12 November. Appointments will be arranged in the near future.

### Bags2School

Please do not send your bags to school until the morning of Tuesday 14 October. We do not have the storage space to keep them in school before that date. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Tomlinson  
Headteacher