

Tickford Times

24TH September 2021

Harvest 2021

This year, we plan to support the local charity *St Mark's Meals* as part of our Harvest celebrations. We'll be welcoming harvest donations in school between Monday October 11th and Wednesday October 20th but ask that you please do not send these in before these dates. In next week's newsletter, we'll be publishing more details about the kind of donations that we'd like.

We'll be celebrating Harvest in school on Wednesday 20th October with more details to follow in the coming weeks.

Hello Yellow!

On Friday 8th October, we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day and inviting children to wear yellow to school in support of the [Young Minds](#) charity. Classes across the school will be participating in activities that focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing for children.

We encourage you to send your children to school in yellow clothes on this day, and make a donation to Young Minds, which you will be able to do on School Gateway.

Help...

If you have any Action Songs or Nursery Rhyme CDs that you are no longer using, our youngest children, in Foundation Stage, would love to have them to support their learning! Any donations would be gratefully received. Please get in touch with Rachel Morley, our EYFS Lead, if you are able to help. Thank you!

After School Clubs

We are excited to be starting up some after-school clubs again next week. If you have not received a Class Dojo message from Mr Cowper then I am sorry to say that your child has not been successful in obtaining a place in a club this term.

We are sorry that we are unable to accommodate all children in clubs and are looking to expand our after-school offer in the months ahead. Children who applied for a club this term and were unsuccessful will be given priority in the Spring Term.

School Photos

On Monday 4th October, Kittle Photographic will be visiting the school to take individual school photographs. Children with siblings in the school will also have family photos on this date.

As with the class photos in the Summer term, we'll be able to provide details of how to view and order photos after they visit.

If for any reason, you do not want your child to have their photo taken, please let their class teacher know, via Class Dojo, no later than Friday 1st October.

Good to Grow

If you shop at Morrisons, you can help us to get some great gardening equipment for our school by donating your 'Good to Grow' tokens to Tickford Park. [Please see our school website for more information.](#)

Congratulations!

We always love to hear about pupils from Tickford Park who are achieving great things outside of school. This week, we are celebrating with Abi who has recently moved up from Cubs to Scouts and was named as *5th Newport Pagnell Scouts - Cub of the Year 2020/2021* – a wonderful award to recognise her achievements. Congratulations Abi, and good luck with your future scouting adventures!



Secondary Open Evenings

For parents with children in year 6, Ousedale School will be holding open evenings on Wednesday 6th October 2021, 6.00pm to 7.30pm (Olney Campus) and Thursday 7th October 2021, 6.00pm to 8.30pm (Newport Pagnell Campus). [Full details can be found on their school website.](#)

We've also been sent a small number of prospectuses for [St Paul's Catholic School](#), who will be holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 5th October at 6:30pm. If you would like one of these prospectuses, please feel free to get in touch with the school office.

Autumn Special Menu

On Thursday 7th October, Chartwells will be preparing their 'Autumn Fun Day' special menu (see image below). If you would like your child to have a hot meal on this day, please book this by Thursday 30th September using Chartwells' Parent Pay. If you need help with booking school meals for your child, please feel free to get in touch with the school office.



The 7th October is this year's Autumn Census for schools. This means that a higher take up of hot meals on this day can have a positive impact on our funding, particularly if your child is entitled to free school meals.

I've been very impressed with Chartwells' meal provision this term and if your child has never tried hot meals, perhaps this would be a good opportunity for them to try something new!