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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

### Harvest Festival



Our annual Harvest Festival will take place at the Sports Hall on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. This year we will be supporting the Pelican Community Trust by sending our Harvest donations to them. We ask that parents only send donations on the morning of the Harvest Festival and then they will be collected that day by the Pelican Community Trust. All parents welcome at the Harvest Festival.

### Meetings with staff

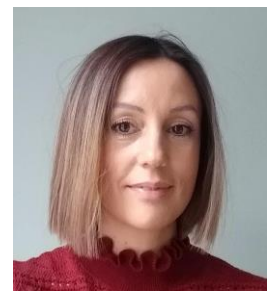
If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please do so by contacting the school office. Messages can be passed over in a morning at the gate but anything important or about concerns needs to be dealt with via the school office. Please also be reminded that Miss Oxtoby is Head on Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Mrs Burrell is Head on a Wednesday and Thursday. If you wish to speak with the Head Teacher, please ensure you direct this to the person in charge that day.

### PE kits

Please ensure that children are wearing the appropriate PE kit. We are getting more and more children in fashion clothes rather than the expected PE kit. Please click [here](#) to check our website.

### Meet our new Chair of Governors

Katherine Barr is now our Chair of Governors for the school. The role of a governor is to support the school in delivering their strategy, ensure policy compliance, support safeguarding and also support the school in engaging the local community. Katherine can be contacted via the school office.



*I volunteered as a parent governor shortly after my daughter transferred to the school in 2022. I became vice chair and SEND Governor last year, and have recently stepped up to chair of governors. My motivation to volunteer was to help me quickly learn more about the school, and to offer a parent's perspective. I regularly attend local governing board meetings, Trust training events and undertake school visits. I also really enjoy listening to children read in class. Aside from being a Mum and parent governor, I work at an Independent Foster care Agency in Beverley, providing support to our team of social workers, family support workers, foster carers and our looked after children. I support with quarterly reports required for Ofsted and with Ofsted inspections at work and enjoy helping to arrange fun activities for our fostering families and young people, and celebrating their achievements. I regularly take part in training associated with supporting and safeguarding children and understanding behaviour and attachment.*

### School Lunches

Please be aware of the menu change for Thursday. There is also a new menu for next half term. Both menus are attached to the newsletter.

We are also very excited that next half term we will be trialling providing jacket potatoes as an alternative to the school lunch. This has taken some time to put into place and the only way that it can work is if all potatoes are pre-ordered the week before. We will not be able to add or change this after a Thursday morning for the following week. Due to transportation, only one topping will be available each day and this will also have a pudding included. We are unable to offer the salad bar option which Swanland have. Please use the following link to place your orders for the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> November. The link for this will close on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. In future weeks, the link will be text to all parents.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kYS3cVnYiR>



### Poppy Appeal

Next week, we will begin selling various merchandise for the Poppy Appeal. This will be available at the end of the school day in the playground.

### PTA Events

The PTA are running a number of events this term including the Halloween Disco. They have asked for volunteer helpers to support them in setting up for the disco. Please contact the office if you can help in any way and we can put you in touch with a member of the PTA.

### Unity in the Community

We have been asked to share the below information with all parents:

Unity in Community are a charity based in Hull who aim to support the most vulnerable people in society. We were successful in a funding application for supporting people struggling to top up their pre-payment meters across the country. As winter approaches, we are aware that many people will be struggling to make ends meet. Unity in Community are able to support households with up to £294.00 worth of fuel vouchers, these vouchers are sent via text message. We would like to offer this support to the parents, carers and guardians of students who attend your school.

**Help Available – Gas & Electric:** Unity in Community will be providing vouchers **between £28 and £49** to help towards paying for gas and electric. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a **prepayment meter** and have **not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community** within the past year. This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be working, unemployed, self-employed or retired. For more information and to register, call **01482 420836**, Monday to Friday, 9am – 2pm – if busy, please keep trying.

Rhea McGowan – Project Coordinator, Unity in Community, 372 Greenwood Avenue, Hull

### Support

Please find below links to support groups:

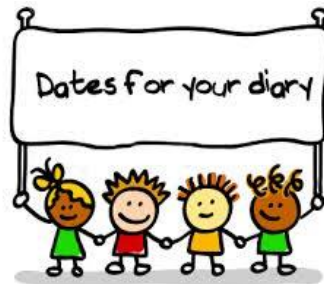
Early Help support: [East Riding Early Help](#)

The teams offer a range of activities and services for children, young people and their families offering the right help at the right time so that families are resilient, feel confident, safe, healthy and happy. Our services include the following:

- Information and advice
- Additional family support and services and activity sessions that are free and for all children and families
- Intensive family support for families who may need additional support to get through a difficult time.

Domestic Violence: [East Riding Domestic Violence Support](#)

Mental Health and Wellbeing: [East Riding Support](#)



#### AUTUMN TERM 2024

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Poppy Appeal begins

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Halloween SEN event at school 3.45pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival at the Sports Hall 9.15am. All welcome.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Halloween Disco at the Sports Hall 5.30–7pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – School closes for Half term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – School opens for Autumn Term Two

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – London meeting for Year 6 parents at 3.45pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Bike ability for those children in Class 4 who have signed up

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Open evening for September 2025 starters

We strongly recognise the part which parents play in their child's education. We can work together as a partnership to ensure that we all promote high standards of learning, behaviour and attitudes towards school so that all children can be the very best.

Yours sincerely

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Catherine Burrell  
Head of School

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Alison Oxtoby  
Executive Head Teacher