



St. Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Harvest

Please remember that our Harvest Festivals are on Monday. Foundation Stage and Key Stage One will be held at 9:15 a.m. in the school hall, with Key Stage Two following on at 10:15 a.m.. We would greatly appreciate it if you could send your child/ren into school with an item or two of non-perishable food goods i.e. tins, dried packets, pasta, rice, items with a long 'Use by' date, to donate to our collection. All of the food donated will be given to the North Devon Foodbank based in Pitt Lane, Bideford. Please send your child in to the hall with the items first thing on Monday morning (once the gate is open) so that they can be added to our Festival display.

Climbing Frame at the Front of the School

Please note that the climbing frame at the front of the school is only to be used by children when supervised during school time and should not be used by children or siblings at the start or end of the day. We have had one or two accidents on the equipment at these times and need to monitor the use of it, so please discourage your children from climbing on it. I have spoken to them and they are aware that it is a school decision.

Dogs on Site

I have noticed that more and more dogs are being brought onto the school site. Whilst we appreciate that dogs can be an integral part of your family, the school site (as with any Devon County Council school) is a dog-free zone except for guide and therapy dogs. This means that dogs should not be brought into school or tied up inside the school grounds. I would be extremely grateful if you could arrange for your dog-walking to accommodate this request.

Parking on the Road

Torrige District Council are kind enough, each year, to offer you a concession to use the car park opposite the school, the cattle market and the Bank End overflow carpark, free of charge around drop-off and pick-up times. Please would you make use of this facility rather than park on the double yellow lines (or even the zig zags) when dropping or collecting your child. Parking irresponsibly can endanger the safety of our children and, having had a near miss earlier this week, I would hate to be writing to you following a collision which affects one of our children when this could be avoided.

I hope that you understand that these points are being raised in order to maintain the safety and happiness of all of our children and hope you can work with us to ensure that we can maintain this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Adrian Scarrett
Headteacher

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