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Dear Parents and Carers,

Cycle to School Week

It has been wonderful to see so many children cycling, scooting and walking to school. Thank you for all your support on 'Bling your Bike' day. I saw many brilliant creations this morning in spite of the rain. It would be great to see this excellent level of sustainable travel continuing.

Retro Fit Carbon Zero Project

Way back in the spring term before all our lives changed so much, I wrote to tell you about a really exciting project that our school was taking part in. This project was funded by the Local Authority and was a one-off opportunity to find out how our school could become Zero Carbon. The project was led by Harry Paticus from RAFT and had just started to take off, when we had to go into Lockdown. Our year 6 pupils were very involved and had taken part in workshops and Harry had also led a whole school assembly to explain the project to pupils across the school. We still kept going during Lockdown and Harry has worked incredibly hard (and involved lots of other experts) to come up with a fantastically exciting and very ambitious plan for our school to become Zero Carbon in 5 years!

We had intended to share this with everyone in a really big Assembly but are obviously not allowed to do this anymore. So, Harry has set up a huge Zoom Assembly! As this is a 'FIRST', there is a great deal of interest in attending and there will be lots of VIPs. We expect this to last for one hour and are therefore only including pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. They will be in their classrooms and will see the assembly on the screens in their classrooms. A small number of pupils will read extracts from letters sent by Year 6 last term and we will inform you if your child will be doing this. I am sending permission letters to parents of pupils in the classes which will be visible on screen (Years 4, 5 and 6). Please return these ASAP so we can include your child as we would not be able to include them without signed permission.

Please see the attached invitation for you to join in this really special event and click on the link below by 9.55 on 9th October. Please **do not respond** to say that you will be attending.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88360467840>

Passcode: 522241



Masks/ Face coverings

Thank you so much for wearing masks while waiting outside the school entrances or when entering the premises (playground or office). I know that it is very difficult for parents and carers to keep to social distancing regulations at these times but if we all persevere it will get easier. Staff will ensure they keep an appropriate social distance from parents and carers. Please do not be offended if we step back.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival celebrations will have to be very different. Sadly, I am afraid we will not be able to invite you to join us. We will be able to collect our food donations in the main hall and each of our year group bubbles will be able to take turns to have a short prayer service. These will take place over three days in the week before half term. The area will be fully sanitised between each bubble's service.

We are asking each family to donate just one item if they can and this will support one of our special causes. Please do not feel under any pressure. Thank you so much for all the donations we have already received.

We will be collecting food for our local '**Helping Hands Foodbank**' at St Peter's Church which provides emergency food to local people in crisis. They have asked us for lots of rice to support their families.

We will also be collecting for the **Manna Centre**, as usual. This is a centre which provides meals for homeless people in London each day. A large amount of their food each year comes from donations at Harvest Festival.

We will also be donating some items to families in need in our school community through our **School Food Bank**. This is always available to our families so please let us know if you would like to come and take some items to help you out when things are difficult. This is kept very private and we can find a quiet time for you to collect what you need.

Each class will be collecting one food type or toiletry item (listed below) which is of most benefit to these great causes. Donations can be brought into school from next week and we will put them on display in the main hall. If you would like to make a donation, please pick items from the list below.

6M	UHT Fruit Juice UHT Milk (1 litre)
6F	UHT Fruit Juice UHT Milk (1 litre)
5K	Toiletries (toothpaste, tooth brush, soap, shaving cream, shampoo)
5G	Sugar (500g bags)
4F	Tinned Vegetables
4C	Pasta and pasta sauce
3F	Tinned Meat
3T	Tinned Fish
2M	Rice
2A	Rice
1UB and 1LO	Rice
Reception A and CO	Tinned Fruit
Nursery	Breakfast Cereals

Applying to start primary school 2020 -21

Applications for Reception Class places for September 2021 can now be made on line. Please follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

Wednesday Word

Please see the link to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend. <https://www.swcps.lewisham.sch.uk/thewednesdaywordwebsite/>

Have a really lovely weekend. Hopefully we will get a break from the rain.

Margaret Hanrahan