



Message from Miss Harris

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic term it's been! It has been lovely to see the children engaged in their learning and enjoying the new learning experiences and opportunities that they have taken part in. It's wonderful to hear the amazing facts and information that they are able to share after learning all about their new history topic too.

The whole school has been enjoying singing our Harvest songs, which we sang so beautifully at the church yesterday. We have always enjoyed visiting the church and coming together as a community, but due to the COVID pandemic, this is something we haven't done since 2019. So to have all children from Reception – Year 6 walk down to the church and take part in the service was very special. We are looking forward to going again at Christmas and Easter and we always welcome family members so do come along if you are able to.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated food for our chosen charity, Boxes of Hope. I'm sure that the donation will be gratefully received. Please use this link [Boxes of Hope - GHBC](#) if you would like to know more about this charity and the work that they do.

Well done to our football team who represented the school exceptionally well at their first football match of the year! You have worked so hard in your practice sessions and we were very proud to see that this was reflected in the way that you played.

Thank you to everyone that supported with the school disco last night – without your support, it would not be possible to run these events so we really appreciate your time. If you would like to join the PTA or volunteer at future events, please let the office staff know and they will be able to share this with our PTA Chair.

The first newsletter of next term will have the key dates for the term so please look out for this as it will include all of the Christmas celebrations, which we know are always so popular with parents and family members.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th November.

Best wishes,
Miss Harris

Get writing!

Halloween is nearly here! Write a spooky story set where you live, think about the characters and the plot. Once you have written the story why not perform it to your household and give them a fright!

Get making!

Follow this step by step guide from the RSPB to make a yummy 'kebab' for the birds. Hang it in your garden, outside a window or any outdoor space.

<https://tinyurl.com/4fbppkrx>

Get researching!

October is Black History month. To mark it choose three or more of these short films about Black British Stories to watch. Then write 10 things you have learnt from the videos.

<https://tinyurl.com/2mru3bb5>

Things to do this half term!

We hope that you enjoy your half term break and have time for some of these activities!

If you do any of these activities, please send in photos! We love to see the exciting things you get up to during your half term holidays!

Get socially active!

Sort through your toys and games that you no longer play with and donate to a local charity shop. Donating is a great way to reduce waste, support charity and to give other children a chance to enjoy things you no longer use.

Get active!

As the Autumn nights draw in, it's tempting to stay snuggled up on the sofa! To help keep you active even when it's cold, look on YouTube and do a different Joe Wicks fitness session each day for a week.

30 Family Wellbeing Activities to Celebrate Autumn

- 1 Collect leaves and make a leafy collage.
- 2 Go conker hunting.
- 3 Go on a nature walk and find the crunchiest leaf.
- 4 Carve pumpkins.
- 5 Paint an autumn scene.
- 6 Go for hot chocolate in a local cafe.
- 7 Have a movie night.
- 8 Collect acorns to decorate.
- 9 Paint a bonfire and fireworks scene.
- 10 Make a tasty apple crumble.
- 11 Visit a farm.
- 12 Bake Halloween biscuits.
- 13 Craft Halloween decorations.
- 14 Go and watch some fireworks.
- 15 Visit a pumpkin patch.
- 16 Read a book under a cosy blanket.
- 17 Do some fruit and vegetable printing.
- 18 Create a pile of leaves and then jump into it!
- 19 Collect rocks and paint them like autumnal animals.
- 20 Fly a kite on a windy day.
- 21 Go on a colour walk and collect as many things in different colours as you can.
- 22 Make toffee apples.
- 23 Have a family game night.
- 24 Roast marshmallows.
- 25 Have an apple bobbing competition.
- 26 Bake some bread.
- 27 Splash in puddles.
- 28 Enjoy some hot soup and tasty bread.
- 29 Bake cookies.
- 30 Go on a walk and count how many squirrels you see.

