

OCTOBER NEWS

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WOODMANSEY CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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International School Award 2020–23

International School Award Achieved

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils

The last academic year presented us with many barriers to overcome and the cancelation of many of our events scheduled for the second half of the school year, but thanks to your incredible support and involvement we have achieved our first International School Award.

It is testament to our staff team and pupils that despite the difficulties we have all faced, we can still hold on to our values and principles. We have certainly seen this year just how much international cooperation and friendship is needed for the well-being of us all.

The award measures our engagement in a minimum of seven international activities at least three of which have to involve our international partners in Germany and Poland.

Our activities included of course the hugely successful "Hands of Friendship" project which engaged

everyone and our international partner schools throughout lockdown.

This is in addition to "My Life in a Box" in which Y5 pupils share a representation of their world with children in Germany and Poland. Meanwhile, Y6 created a single representation of their town or country in "My Town and Country in a Box," having debated what actually are the most important representations to display. This is completed alongside guests from Poland.

The "International Sporting Events" are now well established parts of our annual programme as is of course the hugely significant two week International Festival which this year was of course centred on Italy.

This on its own was probably enough to meet the criteria for the ISA. Highlights included Opera

Singing with our special guest, Pizza making, La Ligua Football, Boccia, Fabulous Art Projects and of course the Festival Evening. We are hoping so much that we will be able to have a Festival in February 2021. Keep your fingers crossed for us.

I copy the comments from the British Council here and overleaf:

BRITISH COUNCIL ARE IMPRESSED!

The award is held for the next 3 years.

Here are the assessor's comments to highlight where your application was particularly impressive and points to take note of as you continue to develop the international dimension in your school:

"It is clear to see that Woodmansey CE Primary is building and embedding a real learning ethos which sits at the heart of teaching and learning at the school and is informing long-term planning and policy. This is reflected in the school's School Improvement Plan. There are well-established school partnerships taking place with Germany and Poland, all of which are being used as an effective vehicle with which to enable increased awareness of ways of life, cultures and experiences in the world.

There is lots of evidence that a whole school approach is ensured through the embedding of outcomes / an international focus across the curriculum and in the teaching and learning experience for all. This is supported by the involvement in wider initiatives such as Fairtrade Enterprise and the East Riding Transforming the Teaching of Modern Foreign Languages programme. Within this Impact Evaluation is evidence that recommendations from the Action Plan feedback have been acted upon and that an update from this is demonstrated. Good to see that you have responded to this by specifically referring to Activity 7 and the impact this has had on lunch-time staff.

Several interesting and cross curricular activities have been carried out with link schools (My Life, County, Country in a Box / Cultural Exchange) to enable a real understanding and appreciation of culture and diversity and develop concrete active citizenship and authentic language skills via direct communication and collaboration.

Impact is being felt by pupils/ staff, parents and the wider community (Italy International Arts and Culture / Hands of friendship which was done at home by families during school closures) with information provided for some activities in terms of monitoring and evaluation tools used to gauge this.

This Impact Evaluation clearly outlines the commitment to sustaining the delivery of



genuine, effective and excellent learning across the school.

Congratulations on working so hard to co-ordinate such an impressive range of work as an International Co-ordinator! You are a credit to the school and the wider community.

Thank you for taking part in the International School Award. Please convey our very best wishes and many congratulations to all staff and pupils both in the UK and overseas who have taken part in the scheme."

"We wish you the best as you continue with your international journey."



ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION EVENINGS OCTOBER 2020

We would really like to see you, but in the current circumstances this is going to be difficult.

Myself and the teaching team have had several discussions about how to run the consultation evenings scheduled for the week before half term.

In order to do this in a Covid Secure Manner, it will not be possible to have the usual system of parents being physically invited into school. The layout of our school building does not provide enough space to keep you all distanced and moving safely around.

Therefore telephone or video call meetings held over Microsoft Teams will be arranged. Your choice can be selected on the booking form which will be sent out to you separately. If parents of children live in different households and would like to participate in the meeting, we ask that a video call option is chosen so both parents can attend the one appointment.

Even though we cannot welcome you all into the school building, parents will however be allowed to take some books home after the meeting to look through, **on the understanding that they are returned the next day.**

SOCIAL DISTANCING - FOLLOWING THE RULE OF 6 IS DESIGNED TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID 19

Timings will be strict, so please be mindful that teachers can only discuss each child for 10 minutes as before.

Parents may, if they wish, request as before, a longer session on the form if absolutely necessary. This will be facilitated on a different day.

Please note as we cannot have a backlog, if parents are late their appointment will need to be shortened. So if you have chosen a telephone conversation appointment, please be with your phone and if you select the video call please log on a couple of minutes prior to your appointment time. You will be sent to virtually wait in a waiting room until the teacher allows you in to the meeting. However as always, should **anyone** feel they need longer, a further appointment can be facilitated at a mutually convenient time.

In the event the school has a technical problem with our Wifi then the appointment will automatically change to a telephone call if a video call was originally selected. Some times technology works against us!

I hope these arrangements will still allow for a meaningful conversation between yourselves and the class teachers. Schools are continuing to adapt their practices to maintain links with families. If you have any questions then please do contact the school.

DATES FOR CONSULTATION EVENING

Monday 19th October 2020

3.45pm - 6pm

Wednesday 21st October 2020

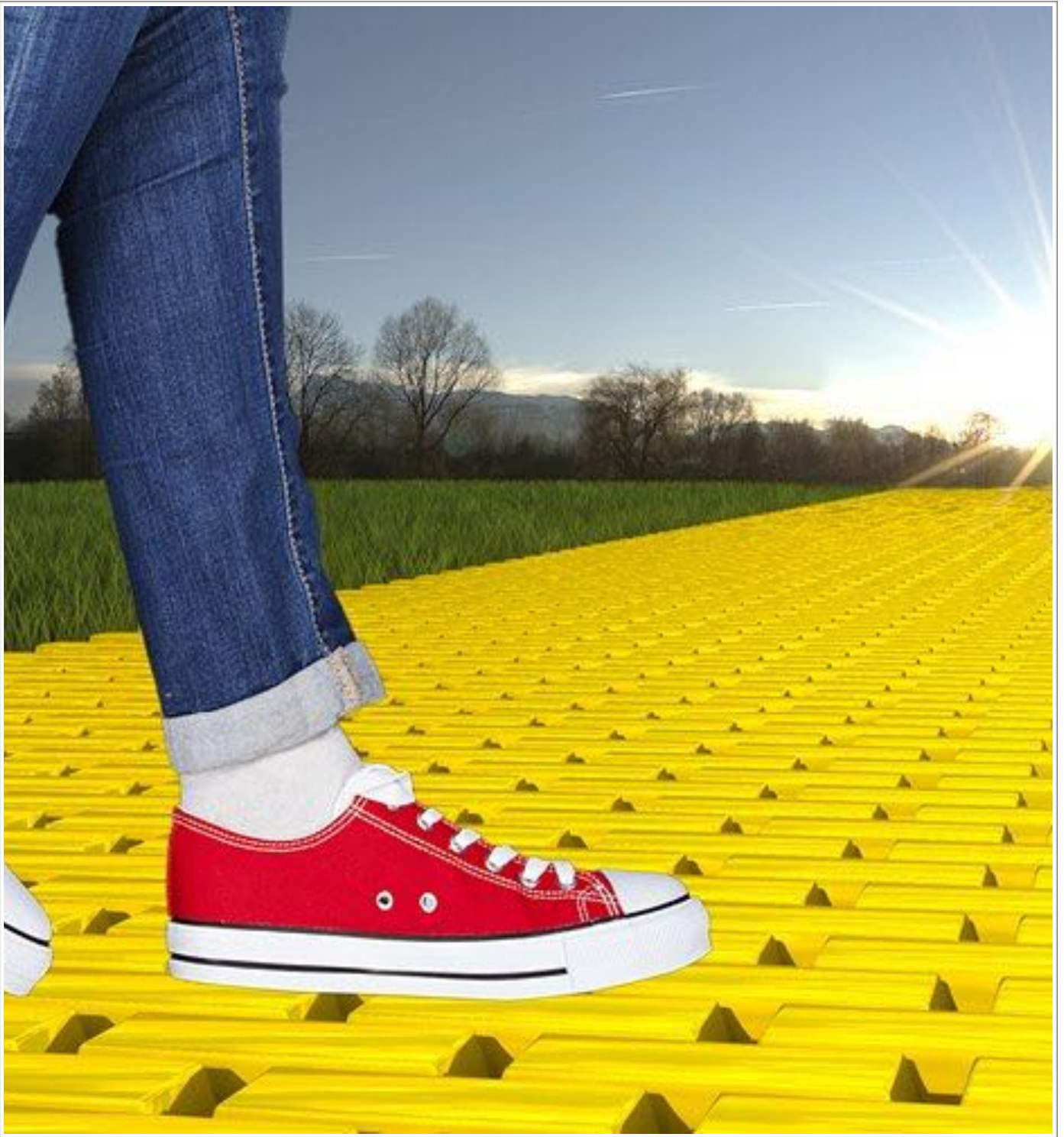
3.45pm - 6.30pm

HANDS

FACE

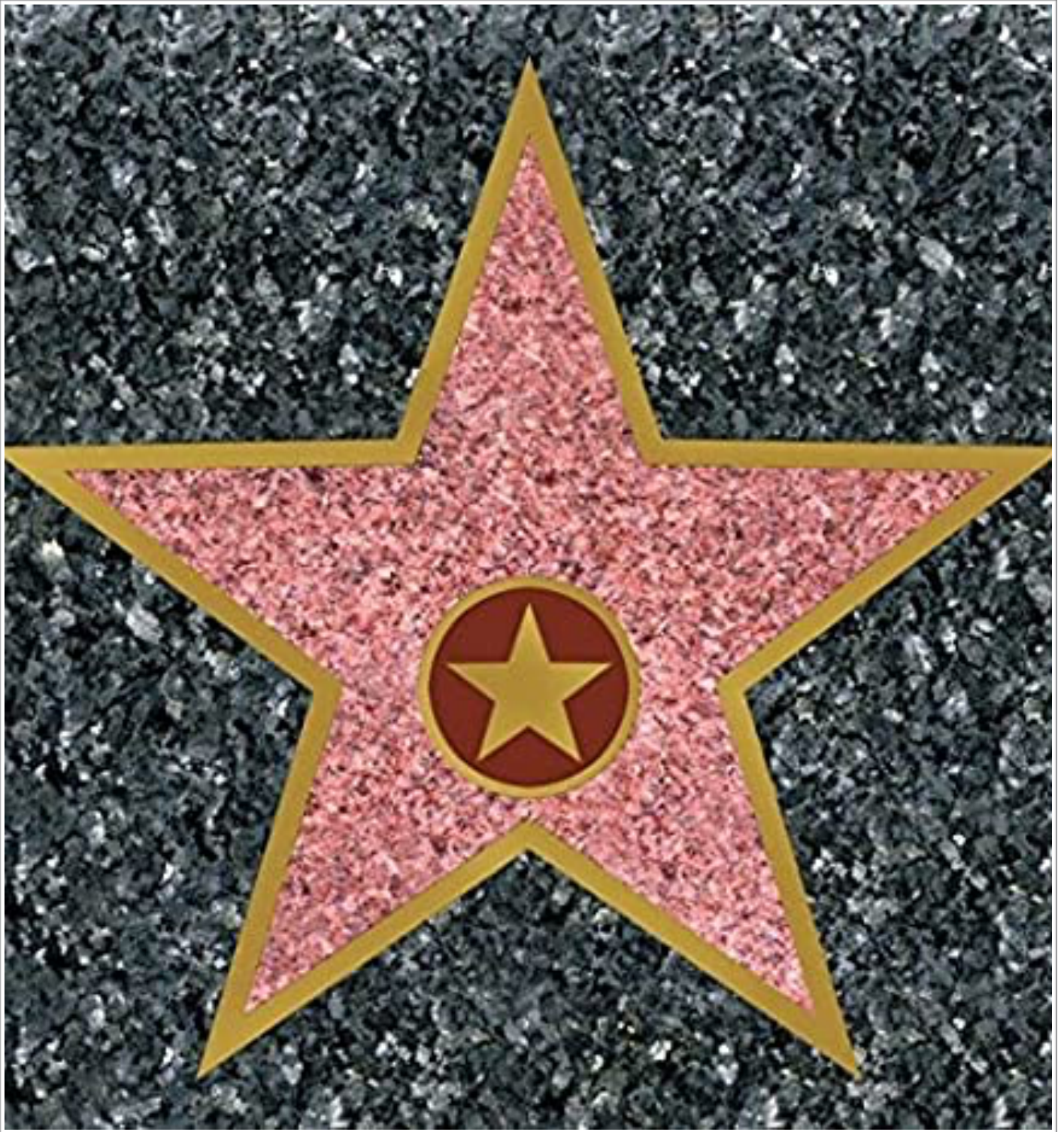
SPACE





PLEASE FOLLOW THE YELLOW PATH ONE WAY SYSTEM

Ensuring Social Distancing



**PLEASE STAND ON A STAR
TO COLLECT OR DROP
OFF YOUR LITTLE STAR!**
Ensuring Social Distancing

Site Map

Entrance to the school site

Exit the school site

Hull Rd

A 174

Entrance & Exit Plan
September 2020

Parent waiting stars. There will also be a collection of stars near to the main entrance for nursery lunchtime collection/drop offs.

One way 'yellow brick path'

**REMEMBER
FOLLOW THE
YELLOW BRICK
ROAD**



CHARITY FUNDRAISING

A tribute from the Woodmansey Primary Family.

In October I traditionally announce the start of preparations for the annual charity fund raising appeal. The children then submit their forms to put on shows, run stalls and organise special events for the Charity Fund Raising Campaign. As this is Covid 19 in 2020, clearly things are going to be very different this year.

However we are not going to be defeated. This year it's the "appeal" format, where one charity is chosen in advance.

I will be holding discussions with the Pupil Council about how we can choose a charity in the name and in memory of Mr. Wood, our friend and teacher at Molescroft who sadly passed away at the beginning of September.

The children will be given time in class to debate how exactly they could raise money within the current restrictions.

The October half term homework task will similarly be set up in the hope that families will come together to support the children in this venture. We are hoping to link the work with our enterprise theme when we return after the holiday.

PARKING

Since the start of the new academic year, you have all been so understanding of parking restrictions. Thank you. The parking wardens very also very impressed!

We have had a huge increase of children cycling and scooting to school - super keep it up! I am looking into ways to fund a new scooter storage system to give room for the bikes in the cycle shed.

PLEASE REMIND GRANDPARENTS OF THE REGULATIONS IF PICKING UP FOR YOU.



CLUBS - WHEN THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WOODMANSEY WAY!

From the beginning of term some clubs were able to resume and I thank the children for taking up the offer of these clubs so positively. I am thankful to the First Step Coaches who have understood our protocols and have been able to facilitate our clubs this year. **A reminder for parents collecting after a club: please enter the school site following the yellow line to wait on a star for your child.**

The reason we have been able to offer these clubs is because our pupils have been so understanding of the need for social distancing and the absolute necessity that bubbles do not mix. For this to continue to be effective however, it needs our pupils to respect social distancing with friends out of school as well.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

A chance to give thanks

Every year we hold a special Harvest Festival Assembly. This is still to occur this year, but in a different format.

On Monday 5th October - Thursday 8th October, children are invited to bring Harvest Gifts to school. Each class group will present their gifts by making a display in each classroom. This year however I invite pupils to bring long life tinned, jarred, dried or bottled food stuffs. We ask not to send fresh foodstuffs this year as we cannot hold our harvest market for charity. All the donations this year will be given to the Beverley Food Bank for distribution. In view of all the difficulties being experienced by many people in our own town, this seems an appropriate moment to use our festival of thanks to make a particular difference for people facing hardship.

On Friday 9th October the display will form the centre piece of our Friday Assembly, which will be filmed in advance for the school. Although the weekly assembly for the children will now be just an in-house event, on occasions assemblies will be again made accessible to families as they were during the lockdown with sections provided by Beverley Minster. This will also be shared with parents. It is a chance at least for me to keep in touch as parents' access to the school is to be so limited.

Please keep your distance
on the yellow line...

Parents, you have been brilliant at following the yellow line on to the school site, reminding your children about what to do when coming into school. The same in reverse for when you leave. Please could I offer a gentle reminder to keep your distance from other parents when coming into school, I know it is tempting to use the time to catch up with family friends but in order to keep everyone as safe as possible we must adhere to the social distancing guidance.



PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be visiting again on Friday 23rd October 2020. I shall arrange for **ALL** children to be photographed **AND ALSO all siblings** to be photographed together. Parents will no longer have to book a photo in advance. Parents are not obliged to purchase the photographs.

Please remember to have school jumper or cardigan in school and don't worry no painting or water experiments will happen prior to the photographs being taken!



A great Christmas Present.
... sorry for mentioning
Christmas!



SPORTING TOURNAMENTS

Hockey is being taught across KS2 this half term and will conclude with tournaments on Wednesday 21st October 2020.

It will not be possible to invite guests to school to watch the events, but we hope we will be able to for our Summer Tournaments in June 2021.

Advance Warning

Dates for your diary

Please be aware however that the further ahead into the future dates are, there is a chance that events may have to move due to unforeseen circumstances.

The events diary up to the end of November has been severely cut back, but for now, December onwards is on the basis of a normal schedule. Clearly this will be subject to extensive alteration should Social Distancing requirements still be in place.

Following the announcements from the Prime Minister last week, dates in December will be subject to significant reorganisation

The children will still have their parties, enjoy Christmas Dinner and prepare their Christmas Performances, but the latter may be filmed and released for home viewing.

November

Mo 2nd	Return to school
Tues 3rd	Full Governing Body Meeting 5.30pm
Th 5th	CITIZENSHIP WEEK - PUPILS' CHARITY WEEK BEGINS
We 11th	Separate Remembrance Assemblies outside
Fr 20th	3:45pm Erecting the Christmas Tree
Tu 24th	Staff & Governors Curriculum Standards Night 5.30pm
We 25th	Decoration Day
Fr 27th	Hanging Christmas Decorations



We will be doing outdoor PE throughout the winter.

PE IN THE WINTER

Keeping warm in outdoor PE for Y1 to Y6

Warm jogging bottoms and tops are probably the most useful. Also it is vital (except the FY) that children have a pair of trainers to wear which must not be the pair that they may be wearing in school.

AS WE CANNOT LOAN KIT: IF CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE KIT (after a reminder phone call), WE SHALL PROVIDE A KIT AND WILL HAVE TO CHARGE FOR IT.

Just send the kit on a Monday and we will send it home on a Friday.

MEDIEVAL ADVENTURE!



Start planning an outfit!

Our History Day is still scheduled to go ahead and this year it is set in the Medieval Period. Children will remember the wonderful History Day last year, with an

immersive Evacuation WW2 experience.

This year it will be structured in year group bubbles, but it is going to be just as exciting as always. Think Banquets, Entertainment, Royal Decrees - Rising Taxes - Markets - Castles - Tournaments - and all the gunge! Teachers will be sending further details soon, but there will not be a special theme per class, so costumes can be anything from peasant to jester. Monk, Knight, Bishop or Royalty. This could be a good excuse to watch Robin Hood Prince of Thieves for inspiration. (Remembering that the story is a legend not historical fact).

Basically the period we shall be looking at is from 1100 to 1485.

DIARY



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It is with great disappointment that our diary of events is severely curtailed by the ongoing Covid19 Pandemic.
We look forward to the day when our normal programme can be resumed.

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Th 1st	Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Premises Committee Meeting 5.30pm Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting 6.30pm
Mo 5th	Harvest Festival Gifts
Fr 9th	2:30pm Special Virtual Assembly for Harvest
Fr 16th	History Day (see information on the previous page)
Mo 19th	Consultation Evening
We 21st	Consultation Evening
Fr 23rd	School Photo Day
Fr 23rd	Break up for HALF TERM

November

Mo 2nd	School reopens
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*This day, Father,
may my eyes be opened
to see the beauty
in all that is ordinary - yet special -
around me.
May the glory of all that you have made
remind me of your presence
and lead me closer to you.*