



Greetings from Richmond Avenue

This weeks updates are about

- Absences
- Energy-Kidz
- Road Safety
- Harvest

Please keep looking on the app for other information and news coming out from the school.

School Absences

A quick reminder—If you are planning a holiday / trip away during term time it is important that the school knows in advance. Although we can not normally authorise term-time holidays, we need to know where they children are if not at school for safeguarding reasons. Holiday request forms are available from the office, thank you.

Energy Kidz—Wrap around Care

We are pleased to hear that there are increasing numbers of children currently using the wrap around care provision and the walking bus to / from Thorpedene Primary before and after school each day. If numbers continue to increase as they have been, the club may soon be running on our school site.

If you are interested in using the club, then please contact Energy-Kidz directly via: www.energy-kidz.co.uk

Road Safety—E Scooters

The safety of your children is of paramount importance to all of us. It has been noted that some parents are bringing their children to school on e-scooters.

Whilst we appreciate that this is the individual parent's choice, it is not something that we would condone for safety reasons. There have been many reported injuries and deaths involving e-scooters. We do not want the next one to be one of our children especially given the time of year and the likelihood of icy and wet roads. We appreciate your continued support.

Harvest Food Collection

LET'S MAKE A MEAL OF IT!



On Friday 22nd October, we will be having a school wide Harvest celebration. This year's harvest theme is: **Making it Together** with the hashtag of **#LETSMAKEAMEAL**.

Our aim during harvest is to collect foods for Southend Foodbank that provide the essentials needed for families and children across Southend.

Please send in any donations to the school **from Monday 18th October**, so we can collect them over next week before passing the vital necessities onto the foodbank. Thank you.

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Important Dates:

(More details will follow relevant to events below as needed)

WB 18th October –

Food donations for Harvest can come into school from today

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Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 20th October—

Spooky Spoons Competition!

Wednesday 20th October—

After School Parent Consultation meetings
3.30–7pm

Thursday 21st October

Year 2 in school Workshop

Thursday 21st October

Individual pupil photos

Friday 22nd October—

Harvest Festival

Monday 25th—Friday 28th October

Half term Holiday

Monday 1st November—

Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 2nd November –

Children return to school

Together we're aiming for **5-A-DAY** - please donate:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned soup



Recycle to Read

Recycle to Read is a ground-breaking new Pod campaign that rewards schools for collecting unwanted plastic toys and tech for recycling and reuse, in exchange for books.

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Did you know?

- Plastic toys and tech can be valuable for reuse and recycling but can have a negative impact on the environment if they are not disposed of correctly.
- Over 318 million toys are sold in the UK every year, of which the majority are manufactured from plastic or contain plastic components¹. However, there is currently limited infrastructure to collect and recycle plastic toys.
- Currently a large amount of tech is either hoarded in homes or thrown out with household waste. It is estimated households across the UK throw away 155,000 tonnes of small electricals every year!

How it Works...

In school we now have two collection boxes

- One for old / broken hard plastic toys
- One for old, unwanted, working tech

Items for either box can be brought into school by the children and placed in these boxes (which can be found outside AG6).

When the boxes are full, they will be collected (and replaced with new, empty boxes) and the items will be taken away for recycling.

In return for the recycling collected, the school will get new books which we can add to the school library for all children to read and enjoy!

In addition, the school will become part of 'the pod' which is an online community which provides a range of resources to teach the importance of recycling and looking after our planet.

