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Dear Parents,

I am pleased so many parents, carers and family members have been into school over the last few weeks. Thank you for your support for the Harvest Festival Service. We have received a Thank you card from the Foodbank at Yaxley Church.

If you were unable to attend Parents Evening please get in touch with the class teacher for an appointment.

We wrote to the Parents of children in Acorn class, and others may have heard that Mrs Clark will be leaving us at the end of the school term to pursue other adventures.

We also have a vacancy in the school office for a Finance Manager – required as soon as possible, 18 hours a week term time to include a Friday and 2 additional weeks (to be negotiated). Please contact the school office or see the website for more information.

If you would like to hear about becoming a Parent Governor please let me know. We are likely to have a couple of vacancies. This is a fantastic way to get involved with the school, to support your child's education and add value to the schools work.

We are pleased to give the children and families, once again, the opportunity to support a local Christmas shoebox appeal for local care homes. Last year 75 gift boxes were provided to two care homes in Hampton. More details will follow.

The annual Flu Spray will take place for pupils in Years R – 4 on 21st of November. A letter will be sent on the 7th of November asking for Parental Consent or giving the opportunity to opt out. A parent has raised concerns about children catching the flu as a result of the spray being used in school. I have taken the matter up with the NHS and have more information if any one would like it. The session will take place as planned.

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We are sending out letters, this week, to families where a child's attendance is less than 90%. 90% in a test is good but in terms of attendance it means the child is missing 1 day a fortnight. That obviously has a big impact on learning and progress. As I said previously this is new county guidance for holiday absence. Term time holiday will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Penalty Notice fines may be issued.

Our Early Intervention Family Worker, Louise Lennox will be in school between 2 and 3pm on 8th November for an open drop in parent's session. If you would like support you may like to pop in for an informal chat.

Some of the issues she would be able to help you with are:

- Parenting Styles
- Understanding Challenging behaviour
- Effective Discipline
- Sibling Rivalry

If children are bringing in balls to school please ensure they are not full size and are soft.

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