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Dear Parent/Carer

Harvest:

We have had a lovely week celebrating harvest in school. On Tuesday KS2 celebrated harvest with their relatives at St Mary and St Cuthbert's church. Year 6 children did an amazing job of leading the service accompanied by some fantastic KS2 singing. Well done everyone.

On Wednesday we had our EYFS/KS1 harvest festival in school. Year 2 children led the celebration and we were joined by their family members. It was another lovely morning with lots of smiles and super speaking and singing. Well done to all!

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations. They have been gratefully received.

Book fair:

Last week we held our annual book fair. Thank you to everyone who attended. We have generated a fantastic commission which will be used to buy new books for school.

Winter illness:

Unfortunately with the onset of winter comes the winter bugs. Please find below a link to NHS advice on winter illnesses.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Parking

A couple of residents have brought to my attention that there are adults who are regularly parking on the zig zag lines and double yellow lines outside of school. The zig zag lines and double yellow lines are there for a reason: to keep the children safe when entering and exiting school. Please do not park there.

We also have parents blocking the access to the gated properties on Park Road South. Please make sure you park with care and do not obstruct residents from accessing their property.

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School Meals

Chartwells, our school meal provider, will be launching their exciting new Autumn/Winter menu after the half term holiday. Every day, you can be assured that a school meal will offer:

- At least two portions of fruit and vegetables
- Dairy food items rich in calcium for strong bones and teeth
- Starchy carbohydrates to provide energy
- A protein source to support the body's growth and repair.

Please see the attached menu to view the new delicious dishes on offer.

From **Monday 13th November** we are excited to announce that we will be operating a new school lunch ordering system. Upon arrival at school, children will be able to select their chosen school dinner from the menu using their class interactive white board. This will then ensure they receive their meal of choice at lunchtime. Further information will be shared after half term.

Halloween Disco

A reminder that it is our Halloween disco on **Monday 6th November**.

EYFS & KS1 - 3pm - 4:15pm (Children to bring a change of clothes for the disco)

KS2 - 4:30pm - 6pm

Entrance is £4 and includes a cheese or ham sandwich, crisps, sweets and drink.
Please pay via Parentpay.

Children can wear Halloween or 'disco' clothing.

Shoebox Appeal

Shoebboxes will be collected Monday 6th November. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

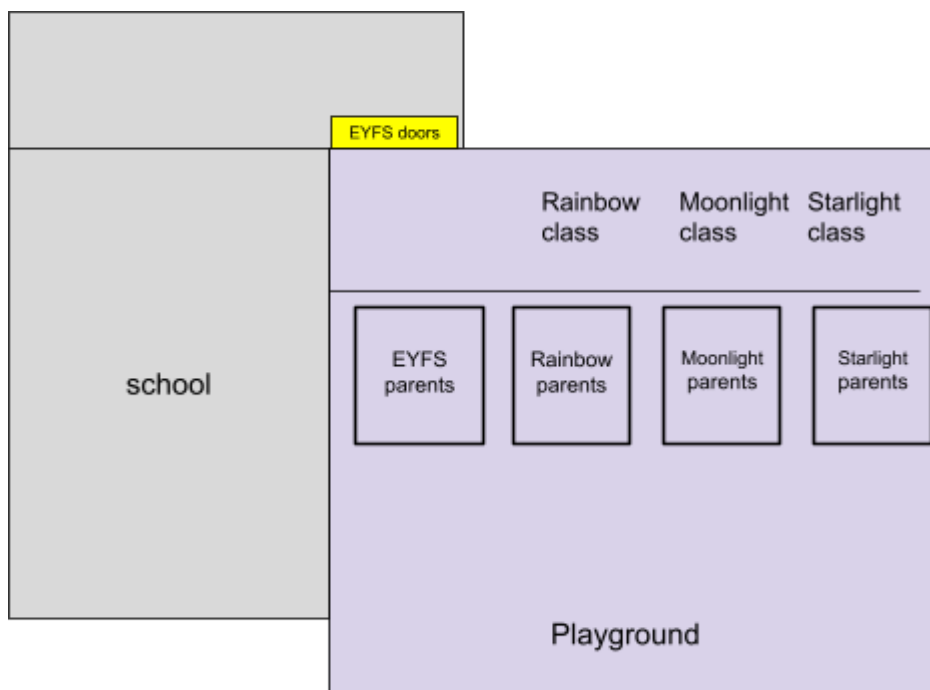
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End of school day:

After half term, EYFS children will be leaving the school building with the rest of school at 3:15pm. To assist staff in locating parents and ensuring the children are safely passed over to their adult, we ask that parents stand in the following areas of the playground.



Year 1 and Year 2 children will walk out with their teacher and stand in the yard in a line, waiting to be handed over to their adult. Once your child is at the front of the line could you make your way forward so you are easily identifiable.

EYFS children will remain inside school and be passed over to parents from the doors until they become familiar with the new arrangement.

Your cooperation in standing in the designated areas would be much appreciated.

If parents would like to speak to their child's class teacher, we politely ask that they wait until all children have been dismissed. Many thanks for your continued cooperation.

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Goodbye and Good luck

Mrs Jackson (School Business Manager) starts her new role after half term. We would like to wish her luck and thank her for all of her hard work at Red Rose.

We will be appointing a new School Business Manager over the coming weeks.

Half term

Just a reminder that school will close at the end of the day today - **Friday 27th October** and reopen on **Monday 6th November**.

School will also be closed to pupils on **Friday 24th November** for staff training.

That just leaves me to wish you a happy half term.

Kind regards

Mrs A Brinton
Headteacher

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