



Reach for the Stars

Goldstone Federation

News

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Dear Parents/Carers

1.10.20

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter across the Federation. As we produce a monthly one I will try to encourage classes from both schools to add news and share work done but this first one will mainly be about letting you know how things are going and celebrating all the fantastic work the teachers and staff are doing through these challenging times!

Reception in both schools have come into school brilliantly and considering how long some have been without going to Nursery, that is to be celebrated. I have been into Class 1 (Ches) and Ladybirds (Hinstock) this week and their learning and attitudes to learning are superb, well done all of you for coping with coming to school so well.

I must extend this feeling to the whole Federation too, because most children had a very disrupted time since March and it is wonderful to see them learning and playing together in a more normal routine in school. The children from both schools have come back with an excellent attitude and are trying hard, some have found it harder to settle than others but all have been willing to keep trying and get back to their learning as quickly as they can. Well done!!

Certain normal festivities have had to be cancelled this term, such as our usual Harvest Festivals. The churches have both asked us to decorate bunting though, which will be able to be seen around the churches in the coming weeks, as they celebrate Harvest. I have also set every class a Foodbank Challenge which I will explain fully later in this bulletin.

Please can I remind everyone not to congregate around the outside of school during pick up and drop off and please try to keep your distance from other families during these times. Thankyou to everyone for being so understanding about not coming into the Reception areas, procedures seem to be working very well right now and I hope that we will continue to be careful and keep everyone as safe as we possibly can.

Yours sincerely,

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Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)



The Great Foodbank Challenge:

We have challenged the children to see which class will be the most generous in donating to Market Drayton Food bank as they are desperate for as much support as possible in these trying times!. The children can bring in items such as:

MASHED POTATO, TINNED POTATOES, CARTONS FRUIT JUICE - LONG LIFE, SPONGE PUDDINGS/SLAB CAKES, RICE PUDDING, CUSTARD, TINNED FRUIT, WASHING POWDER, TOILET ROLLS

(These were on the urgently needed list on 2.10.20).

But all long life items, such as tins, packets and cartons would be welcome.

Every item will count and each class will total their donations. The **winner** will be announced just before half term and the winning classes in each school will be able to have a treat which they agree upon in their class up to a cost of £30. (A game/resource for the class or some sort of in class event).

Items can be brought in from 5.10.20 to 22.10.20 (the last day of this half term), altogether at once or one at a time whenever appropriate but all items will be counted towards a class total and gradually delivered to the Foodbank.

Well done to the PTFA in both schools for organising Bags2School.

Cheswardine's takes place on 20.10.20 and Hinstock's is scheduled for 8.10.20, get your items ready.



Reminder: There is **no need for any big bags** to come into school. The children need to be carrying as little as possible between home and school please.

