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Thursday 26th September 2024

Dear Families,

RE: Whole School Visit to St Mary's Church Thakeham for Harvest Celebration

As many of you know, the school used to be on the high street in the village but moved 3 miles away (in 2017) to our current site. As a result, over time our interactions with the village have slowed a little. But, this year we are planning to engage as much as possible with as many aspects as we can feasibly manage. It is important the school is seen as one of the core functions of the parish and that our pupils understand the value of being part of a community.

With this in mind, we have rekindled the relationship the school used to have with St Mary's Church. They have graciously allowed us to hold our harvest celebration there. It will be next **Tuesday October 1st 2pm until the end of the school day.**

Pupils will be taken to the church. Due to the prohibitively high cost of hiring coaches, we are asking families to **collect your children from the church that day and not school.** This means we do not have to pay for a return coach trip. It also means we do not have to rush the church service. So, the children will get a truly wonderful experience. Parents will not be able to attend due to the small size of the church. It will be a tight fit with just the children. We do not normally invite parents to harvest so this will be nothing new.

The entire school will be attending; all pupils of all classes and all staff members. We are keen for it to be a success. With this in mind, please can I kindly ask you read the following guidance to help us make the outing one that the children will enjoy and remember:





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- Please aim to arrive at the church for **3pm** ready for pick-up from that point onwards. It will likely be closer to 3:15pm once we have the children lined up (etc).
- If you live in the village, **please aim to walk**. There is a very small car park next to the church but we ask that you help us work with the village to reduce congestion.
- At pick-up time, each class will move to a designated point outside the church. **Please do not attempt to come up to the church door. Please see the diagrams below for where children will wait for you.** Mr McDonald, Mrs Ritchie and Mrs Campbell will come down to the bottom of the steps and support with handover of the children. Due to the small walkway, this may take longer than normal. Please be patient with us.
- For children who have been booked into Saplings, staff will shuttle them back to school. You will then pick them up from school as per usual.

We have carefully planned our support for the pupils, including those in Beatles Class, for whom this will be their first Thakeham Primary School adventure! It will be a wonderful experience and there is absolutely nothing to worry about. But, if you have any questions then do contact the office via office@thakehamps.co.uk or speak to your child's Class Teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Take care,

Will McDonald





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Image 1: Franklin and Marley classes will come to the waiting point below. Class Teachers will then hand children over to you from that point:

Franklin and Marley Class will line up here.

Beatles and Wonder Class will line up on the pathway here.





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Image 2: Beatles and Wonder Class will line up in two lines at the top of this pathway. Parents are welcome to meet us halfway (in an orderly line) and we will hand children over to you:



Beatles and Wonder Class will be waiting in two lines halfway up this pathway. Parents are welcome to come up here and line up.





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Image 3: please see below for an overview:

A very small car park is here. But, please walk if you can!

This is a narrow lane. Please do not block access ways.



The church.

The Marley and Franklin waiting point.

The pathway where Beatles and Wonder will line up.

