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Dear parents/carers,

This week, we celebrated National Poetry Day by reading, writing, and performing a variety of poems. Today, all year groups performed their poems in a whole school assembly, led by Mrs Szehofner. Keep an eye on ClassDojo for videos of the performance.

Standing on the gate in the mornings I've noticed how smart the children look in their school uniform as they arrive at school. Thank you for your support in ensuring the school policy is followed. A reminder that correct PE kit, together with a school jumper or fleece must be worn on PE days.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival celebrations will be held in school on **Monday 9th October**. As in previous years, school would like to donate food items to Telford Crisis Support. Donations boxes will still be available on Monday if you would like to donate.

Reading

Reading is essential for learning; so, instilling a love of reading at an early age is the key that unlocks doors to lifelong learning. At Hollinswood, not only do we teach reading in our guided sessions, but we also promote an enjoyment of reading through daily story time sessions and 'Drop and Reads'. If you are struggling to get your child to read at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Eat Well Project

We launched the Eat Well Project with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children tasting a variety of fruit and vegetables. Red pickled cabbage, fresh rocket, sprouts, plums and swede were some of the fruits and vegetables they tasted. The children showed lots of resilience in trying new flavours. Next week the Eat Well team will be in school working with KS2 children. The focus will be on healthy eating and sugar awareness.

Term-time holidays

Post-covid the Government renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term time. We support this and students will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Any leave of absence must be applied for **before** your child will be absent.

Our curriculum is designed in blocks and if a child misses a block or part of a block then they can struggle to make good progress as they move through school.

Key dates

- Friday 10th November Photos for individuals and siblings.
- Friday 17th November Children in Need.
- Week beginning 20th November Teacher Catch-up sessions.
- Friday 1st December Christmas Bingo

Thank you for your continued support,

Kath Osborne

Headteacher