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First School

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Autumn Joy!

We've had a wonderful start to the school year. The children have all settled into their new classes and new routines.

This morning, the whole school joined together in the church to celebrate Harvest. It was lovely to see the children confidently performing to a large audience. Well done! Thank you to all the children and staff involved for their hard work. Thanks go in particular to Ms Tonge, who organised the service, and to Reverend John for welcoming us to the church.

Thank you to you all for the generous donations of food for Windsor Food Share and donations to the church.

Half term brings an exciting event for one member of staff. I am sure that you will join me in sending congratulations to Ms McQuinn who is getting married on Saturday. She will return to school after half-term as Mrs Warburton. We all hope that you have a lovely day and wish you both wedded bliss.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and enjoyable half term break,

Mrs Street

Morning Drop Off

The children have settled into their classroom routines and are familiar with putting their own belongings away at the start of the day. It is lovely to see their growing independence. There are some small tweaks required to make the morning drop off much safer for everyone.

For the safety of all pupils, the children are expected to line up ready for the start of the day. Running around the playground before the start of the school day makes the school less safe and more daunting for other children. It would help everyone if you would remind your child that they need to be in the line and stand next to them.

Saying goodbye to your child in the morning can be difficult and I understand that often you might just want to be certain that your child is safely in the classroom. However, it would help everyone if you said goodbye to your child in the line and not walk to the classroom door or Year 2 lockers. After half-term, parents please say goodbye to your children in the line and do not walk to the classroom or Y2 lockers. Children who arrive after the whistle has blown will need to say goodbye to their parents at the gate. For some parents this is already the routine and works effectively- thank you.

Please be assured that we always have school staff available to help any child needing support.

Drop Off Reminders

To help everyone, please remember:

- Line up with your child- the children should not be running around the playground
- Say goodbye to your child in the line – parents should not walk to the classroom or Year 2 lockers
- If you arrive after the whistle has blown, you will need to say goodbye to your child at the gate
- Year 4 pupils should continue to say goodbye at the gate.
- Staff have been asked to remind parents/carers not to walk to the classroom door or round to the Y2 lockers
- Staff will be available to support any child requiring help.

New Climbing Equipment

I am sure that you've noticed our amazing new climbing equipment in the playground. We are all delighted with it. Huge thanks go to QAPAF and the parents, who supported the Royal Wedding parking event. We would not be in a position to purchase that equipment without this funding.

Thank you!

The children will be taught how to use the equipment safely. **The children must wear a pair of trainers – not plimsolls – to use the equipment. They do not need a special pair of trainers- the trainers they use for P.E. will be just fine.** There will be a rota so that each class has a turn on the equipment, but there might be opportunities to use the equipment throughout the week. So, please could everyone make sure that their child has a named pair of trainers in school every day.

The playground markings are due to be added by the end of this week. I am delighted that the playground will then be an exciting and vibrant space for all of our children. Thank you to all involved!

Scooters

A number of parents have told me of 'near miss' incidents with children on scooters. I know that the children can gather quite a speed on their scooters. For everyone's safety, please would everyone encourage their children not to race on scooters or go too fast or far ahead. Thank you!

School Clubs

We are delighted with the successful addition of new clubs to the school.

We now offer the following:

	MORNING	LUNCHTIME	AFTERSCHOOL
MONDAY			iPro Football
TUESDAY	Enchanted Dancing		Brickies
WEDNESDAY		French	Scrummys Japanese
THURSDAY		French	Little Tanks
FRIDAY	Samurais		Sports4kids Cooking Club Film Club

Parent Volunteers

It is great to hear that parents are keen to volunteer to help in school. Thank you!

Now that the children have settled into their new classes, it would be lovely to welcome you into school.

Please come along to a volunteer meeting with Mrs Street on one of the following:

9.30 a.m. on 30th October

9.30 a.m. on 31st October

The meetings are for new and experienced volunteers.

Once you have attended the meeting and we have copies of any required paperwork, then you would need to liaise with your child's class teacher to find a suitable date/time.

The class teachers will spread the help out across the week to match the timetable and to ensure that we do not have too many adults in the room at any one time. You are more than welcome to volunteer in any class, you are not restricted to your own child's class.

Volunteering really does make a difference to the children's learning. Thank you in advance for being willing to offer your time and support to the school.

A message from Windsor and Eton Rotary Club

As you might be aware there are two Rotary clubs in Windsor, our club is the one that meets on a Monday Lunch time at the Castle Hotel, Windsor.

WERC is a Service Club (Rotary motto 'Service above Self'), and its primary function is to provide Charitable Service to local good causes. In addition, it is usually the Rotary Club leading the charge when there are International Disasters. WERC is gratified that Rotary is trusted by the public who know that every penny given will get where it is supposed to go. Internationally Rotary is most famous for funding the almost total eradication of Polio from the world.

A Rotary meeting isn't all about how money can be raised. Most meetings are based on an inexpensive lunch followed by a speaker on any topic that takes a member's fancy. Typically, at a recent meeting one of the members gave a talk on a Victorian antecedent, whilst at a subsequent business meeting our proposed extension and refurbishment of the Spencer Denney Workshop for Help the Aged was discussed, where not only are we going to fund the works, but various members will be applying hands on skills to help with the budget.

The work of the Club is well balanced with a vibrant social side, which is further enhanced by the successful achievement of common goals. The key word for anybody contemplating joining is fun – we strongly believe that if we are not enjoying what we are doing we shouldn't be doing it.

Listed below are ways in which we have helped local schools:

Talks to your pupils

Offer to the School experienced member of the community with a wide range of skills and knowledge that might be of benefit

Work on a project be it manpower or money

Youth Speak competition

Giving and presenting awards at Prize giving

Interact

Rotakids

We have in the last year made two donations to projects in your School.

If you are interested in learning more please contact Paul Bayley p.bayley@etoncollege.org.uk

