

Current affairs and democracy were the themes in assembly this week. Children have been curious to know more about the petrol crisis hitting the country and an interesting conversation sprang up when children were asked what had caused the petrol crisis. Ideas ranged from Brexit to people simply driving around too much, with most children believing that we had run out of petrol. Understanding that it was not a lack of petrol but a lack of drivers that had caused so much inconvenience encouraged some children to think about the world around them in a new light.

Providing children with opportunities to challenge their own knowledge and thinking is a primary aim of assemblies and meetings, which relates back to the Comms message from last week.

Continuing on from the British Values themes in assembly last week, we also discussed the concept of democracy. We talked about what democracy looks like in action and what other forms of government there are. Talking about majorities and minorities with regard to voting and having a 'voice' naturally become part of the conversation and this will be covered in more depth in each class throughout the course of the year.

To end the assembly, children were set the challenge to spot the ways their own class teacher promotes democracy in their classroom and will be feeding back to everyone in our next meeting!



## Harvest Festival

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Please bring your donations to school on Monday morning for our annual contribution to the Kerith Community Church food bank.

## Drop-Off

From Monday, please can children use the main front door to access school again. At this time of year, the classroom carpets are starting to get muddy! Our Covid risk assessment is no longer in place so this resumes as a permanent practise. Thank you!

## School Calendar Photos

Please note that these have been rescheduled for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Smart uniform and shoes please!

## Lower Primary Lookout Trip

### **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Lower Primary's trip to the Lookout is



likely to be a wet one, so please make sure your child has sturdy trainers on (even wellies if you prefer) and a heavy-duty raincoat.

They'll need to carry their own lunch and water bottle in their rucksack (preferably their school one please) and will need to bring a £1 for an ice lolly. I'm sure they'll still want one despite the pouring rain we're expecting! Please speak to Wendy or myself if you have any further questions.

## Upper Twilight Delight

### **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**5pm-7pm**

Julie and Sarah Jane will be hosting Upper Primary's Twilight Delight after school on Friday. Children not attending After School Care will need to be collected at 3.30pm as usual and be brought back to school for 5pm. Alternatively, you can call or email Joy who will book them in for a one-off ASC session. If your child is in ASC, onsite staff will ensure they get to there!

Children will be offered a warm, light supper and children in ASC will still have their afternoon snack provided too. Please speak to Julie or Sarah Jane if you require more information.

## **Diary Dates**

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### Positive Discipline Parent Courses

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**7pm-9pm**

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