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*"Barnabas, the Encourager"*

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Phone Problems**

Thank you for your patience on Friday as we were having some major problems with our phones. I have been told that the problem should be resolved on Monday morning but at the moment it is not possible to phone school to leave a message. Therefore, if you need to get in touch, please email [stbarnabas@york.gov.uk](mailto:stbarnabas@york.gov.uk). If you need to report your child's absence, you can also use the ParentMail app. We will let you know when the phones are back up and working as they should.

### **Harvest Festival**

Usually we would celebrate Harvest Festival with a service at Church. Sadly, this won't be possible this year but we will still be celebrating Harvest in school through our Zoom Collective Worship. We will also be contributing to the Church Harvest Project which is supporting the charity 'Christians Against Poverty'

**We are therefore asking the children to bring in one item to donate to a food bank on or before by this Thursday (15th October).** These items will be taken over to Church by Sentamu class on Thursday and will be on display for the Church Harvest Service next Sunday 18th October.

### **Autumn Fundraising Day - Thursday 22nd October**

On Thursday 22nd October we invite the children to wear either bright colours or fancy dress to school - something to make us smile! Please ensure that whatever the children wear is warm enough and practical for school and footwear is suitable for playing outside. We ask for a donation for £1 for this. This can be sent in as cash or a donation of £5 for 5 non-uniform days this year can be made on Parent Pay towards the end of next week.

The PTA will be selling bags of sweets at the end of this day. To support social distancing, there will be 2 stalls and we ask that you maintain space when queuing up. There will be enough for everyone!

Children may like to take part in a 'Decorate a pumpkin competition'. Later this week, all children will be sent home with an outline of a pumpkin. They are invited to design it at home and return it to school by Thursday 22nd October with 50p if they would like to enter the competition to win a prize. Winners will be announced on 22nd.

## **Wearing Face Masks**

Thank you to parents/carers who are wearing face masks on the school site. In line with public health advice, we are strongly advising face coverings are worn on the school premises as social distancing is not always easy to maintain, despite there being plenty of space. School staff will now be wearing face coverings as they greet and send out the children and we ask you to do the same. This provides an additional layer of protection if a conversation needs to take place between parents and staff. It is not a replacement for social distancing.

Thank you for reminding your children not to ride their bikes and scooters on the school site and for not driving upto the school car park.

We really appreciate your support with these procedures to keep everyone safe.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Boardman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Miss K Boardman  
Headteacher