

Dear Parents & Carers,

9th October 2020

### Value of the month - Thankfulness

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted. In school we will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives. As a family you may like to talk about:

- Remembering to let other people know when you are thankful
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone thanks you!



### Harvest

At Harvest time, we are thankful for the food we eat. However, especially in these uncertain times, we must remember that there are those who are less fortunate and do not have enough food to feed their families. Although we are not able to hold our usual Harvest celebration, we would really like to continue our support for those less fortunate than ourselves and a letter was sent to you this week asking for food donations if you have anything to spare. All items collected will be donated to St Mary's Church Winter Night Shelter and MK Food Bank.

### Book Appeal

In the Spring, we received some wonderful book donations from parents/carers which are currently being put to good use in our school librarian sessions, where books are shared with classes each week, or have been made available on classroom shelves for children to read as part of our Lexile reading scheme in Key Stage Two. If you are having a clear out and have some books still in good condition, please send them in a bag for the attention of Michelle Laskey. They will be stored for 72 hours before being labelled up and distributed to brighten more of our classroom book shelves. Thank you in advance for any donations you can provide.

### Hot School Meals

We are pleased to let you know that hot meals will be on offer again after the half term break, we will advise you when the menu is available on ParentPay.com. Please contact the office if you need a code to register your child for meals.

### Roblox

It has come to our attention that some children are being unkind to each other when playing Roblox, in particular a game called 'Adopt Me'. Please talk to your children about playing nicely when gaming online. More advice can be found by clicking on this link: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely> Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe online.

Have a lovely weekend.

Claire.