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Dear Parents,

7th October 2016

Thank you for all of your generous donations of cakes and treats for our Macmillan tea party last week, and also for the very kind volunteers who helped out our Year 6s. It was a really lovely event which raised £245 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We urgently need lunchtime supervisors to make sure the children have happy and safe lunch times. Could you spare an hour or two a week to help us out? Please see Mrs Ackland for information regarding the pay and how to apply.

Two Queens Visit

Eva - *I really enjoyed writing with the quill.*

Kian - *I had the big puffy shorts on. They were funny!*

Lyla - *I liked the dresses. They were longer than I expected.*

Poppy - *I preferred writing with the dip pen than the quill.*

All the children said they prefer modern times!



Many thanks to the PTA for funding this event for Beech Class and Lime Class. I am sure the other classes are looking forward to similar workshops later on in the year.

Parent Survey

Thank you for the very useful feedback you have provided on these questionnaires. The governors and I are meeting next week to look at the responses and to discuss how we can

improve our practice, provide more information where necessary and build on our strengths.

Parents' Evenings

We will send you a separate email with the link to the booking system early next week. If you have any problems booking in then please let the school office know. The teachers try very hard to stick to the 10 minute rule so that everyone can have their appointment on time. If you are running late, please phone the school and we will try to book you in later in the evening or on another day.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service starts at 2.30pm next week in the school hall, please join us if you can. Once again we will be collecting donations of food for the Emergency Food Bank, we haven't heard yet if they have any specific requests but tinned and dried goods with a long shelf life is their usual request. We will sell any fresh goods after school and donate the money to the food bank.

Could you bring in any food donations after school on Thursday or on Friday morning. Thank you.

Before and After School

The playground is not supervised before school so your children need to remain in your care until we open the school doors at 8.50 each morning. We have reminded the children not to play ball games on the playground before school; there are too many younger siblings in the firing line!

The climbing prism, adventure trail and amphitheatre can only be used under the supervision of a member of staff at playtimes and lunchtimes, and should not be used before or after school.

Diary Dates

Friday 7 th October	Family Assembly 2.45pm
Friday 14 th October	Harvest Festival Service 2.30pm
Tuesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening
Friday 21 st October	School Closed for INSET

Half Term	24 th - 28th October
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Early Warning

Year 6 Yenworthy	7 th -11 th November
Friendship Week	14 th – 18 th November
School Closes	Friday 16 th December
INSET	Tuesday 3 rd January
School reopens	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	13 th Feb – 17 th Feb
Easter Holidays	10 th – 21 st April
INSET	Monday 24 th April
School Reopens	Tuesday 25 th April
Half Term	29 th May – 2 nd June
School Closes	Friday 21st July

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Coleman

Headteacher