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Dear Parents/Carers,

So far, it has been a lively week in school. We are all busily preparing for events that are due to take place over the rest of this term.

After having implemented some safety measures in response to advice from Shropshire Public Health over the past couple of days, we are now able to continue as normal – for the timebeing at least!

A huge thank you to all the pupils and families who attended the Harvest Festival service at Broseley All Saints Church on Sunday. Mrs Adams and I were extremely proud of the children's singing and behaviour. It was great to be joined by so many of our younger pupils! Thanks also to Mary Kendal for practising with the children in school and supporting them in church on the organ.

Elm class had a successful visit to Rays Farm on Monday and thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the animals - which they were very keen to discuss back in the classroom.

As we are currently working on embedding our new Barrow values in school: ambition; respect; care; resilience; curiosity; teamwork, we are encouraging the children to take part in an art competition to design a picture representing the meaning behind these. The winning artwork will be professionally reproduced and displayed in school and on the website. Details have been attached with this newsletter.

To develop and enhance this term's history theme on the Vikings, Ash class will visit Wenlock Priory next week. They will find out more about history relating to our local area and take part in a variety of exciting activities within the grounds.

Shropshire Public Health Nurses will be in school shortly to carry out eye-tests and height/weight measurements on pupils in Yew Tree class and height/weight measurements on Year 6 pupils. If you wish your child/children to be **opted out**, please return the form by the end of this half-term, Friday 15th October.

Children from all classes have produced some brilliant designs for their Christmas cards. Please remember to complete any orders by Tuesday 12th October.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our Community Tree Project on the weekend of November 13th so do let us know if you are willing to get involved. Thanks to all who have come forward so far. Refreshments will be provided for all who take part.

This week, we experienced a serious incident in the car-park, where a car - which had been correctly reversed into a space - narrowly missed hitting a child whilst the driver was pulling out alongside a large vehicle that was inhibiting her view. The pupil had escaped from his parent and run in front of her car. Both parents were, understandably, shaken. Please keep your children with you in the car-park at all times.

It is hard to believe that we break up for half-term at the end of next week for two weeks. How this half-term has flown! We shall then be on the countdown to Christmas and I think that everyone is looking forward to a season more festive than the one we experienced last year.

With so much sickness around in schools at the moment, we are trying hard to minimise the spread of infections. Thanks to all of you for your cooperation this week.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson

(Headteacher)