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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our youngest pupils have settled in beautifully and attended a special assembly on Tuesday with the whole school as the lockdown alarm and procedure were explained. All schools have been advised by the government to practise both fire evacuations and lockdown procedures. We have fire drills at least three times a year but as this was the first time the children had heard the lockdown alarm we made sure that the drill was low-key and age-appropriate. We are very proud with the calm and sensible response from the children.

Harvest Festival

Next Wednesday (October 1st), we are celebrating Harvest Festival in church at 2:00 pm. This is our first church service of the year and the whole school will be involved. The children have been practising the harvest hymns over the last couple of weeks and Mrs Washington has chosen a primary school classic that you may remember from your school days so we hope you will join in too. Children may bring a donation of a non-perishable food item if they wish but they must be able to carry it up to church. The food will be donated to the local food bank. All parents are welcome to attend. The service is not long but we are starting at 2:00 so that we can avoid the school run traffic as we head back to school.

The children should wear full school uniform on Wednesday, no PE kits.

Have Your Say on the Future of Our Local Playgrounds!

Barham Parish Council is excited to begin a new community consultation focused on refurbishing and redesigning our local playground spaces — and they need your input to help shape the plans for what will be a lengthy and costly project.

Whether you're a parent, carer, grandparent, or simply a neighbour who values vibrant and safe outdoor spaces, this is your chance to share your thoughts on what our playgrounds should look like in the future. What equipment would your children love? What improvements would make the area more welcoming? Is the current play provision in the best location? Every voice counts, and your feedback will directly influence the design process.

Completing the survey is quick and easy. You can fill it out online at: <https://forms.gle/ZYuHqD7XgpM9e>

Parish Council Concerns

Last year there was a reduction in the number of parking complaints but we have already received a couple this year. The Parish Council have written asking us to remind you all not to obstruct traffic and visibility by parking inconsiderately. As an increasing number of pupils are driven to school, drop off and pick up times are busier than ever but the Parish Council is keen to avoid the situation worsening as winter approaches. Please be mindful of other road users, our neighbours and pedestrians when parking. Thank you.



Coats and Wellies

As the weather is getting cooler, children need to bring a coat to school every day. If the children have not already brought in wellington boots for playtimes, they can but these need to be clearly named.

Finally, we have been asked to find out if any parents are keen to be involved in helping to set up a junior park run in this district. If you would like to be involved, please contact the office so that we can forward your details on.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Al Higgins' and the signature on the right is 'Jo Duhig'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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