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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to see so many of you in church on Monday for Harvest Festival and feel very proud of our youngest children who led the service. Our next occasion in church will be the Remembrance Service for KS2 on November 11th at 10:30 am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Severe Allergy

Last week one of our pupils in Jays had a severe allergic reaction and ended up in hospital with anaphylactic shock. It appears that something in the environment/eaten in school was the cause. The pupil suffers from airborne allergies which is why it is so important that children do not bring any products to school containing nuts, particularly peanuts. Please check that nothing in your child's lunch box contains nut products, especially cereal bars and chocolate spreads such as Nutella. We will be monitoring the packed lunches of the children who sit near the pupil to keep the pupil as safe as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Kent Fire and Rescue

Kerrie from Kent Fire and Rescue Services gave talks to the children this week on fire safety. Kent Fire and Rescue also provide services for vulnerable families and older people. They can fit alarms and assess the risks of a home environment. If you know of anybody that might need support, you can arrange a visit through:

<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/your-safety/home-safety/safe-and-well-visits/>

Reading

Reading to your child and listening to them read is the single most important way you can help your child to achieve in their primary education. Many children go through a phase of not wanting to read and if this is the case with your child, please don't let it become a battle but continue to read to them. Listening to you read a story or a non-fiction book will help your child with both reading and writing. Please do not underestimate how important it is. We are aware that not all of our children are reading at home at the moment and it is having an impact on their progress. If you would like more advice about listening to your child read, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Al Higgins'.

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