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**Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller** 

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Dear Parents/Carers

#### Calendar of Events

Please find attached the dates of different events throughout the school year. As I explained in my letter earlier in the week, these are subject to Covid-19 restrictions at the time of the event. If, due to an outbreak within school, we are unable to go ahead with events we will give as much notice as possible. Nearly all events will be ticketed through Eventbrite: Please ensure you book your tickets and bring them with you to each event – as numbers are being managed we can not admit anyone without a ticket. All tickets are free of charge. The links to Eventbrite for the Harvest Assemblies are below in case you have not already booked tickets.

Classes	Eventbrite Ticketing Link
Early Years Harvest Performance	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/180780207467
Key Stage 1 (Beech and Elder Class)	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/180814018597
Lower Key Stage 2 (Larch and Holly Class)	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/180816014567
Upper Key Stage 2 (Mulberry, Maple and Willow Class)	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/180819174017

If other events (eg trips/visit etc) are added to the calendar, we will give as much notice as possible.

# **Smoking on Site**

We have had reports of some adults smoking on the yard at drop off and pick up times. A reminder that the whole of Mowbray's site, including the grounds, is a non-smoking site.

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### Sickness

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be off school and remain off until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea. There has been some confusion over this recently. We did shorten this to 24 hours several years ago but you may recall we reverted it back to 48 hours in December 2019 following the Norovirus outbreak that winter.

A reminder that you must notify school if your child is absent as well as providing a reason for the absence.

#### Attendance Award

We have restarted the attendance award. This is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week in EYFS/KS1 and KS2. The classes who achieve the award each week will get a slightly longer breaktime and any classes achieving 100% will be awarded a non-uniform day (which you will be notified of via text).

### Morning Drop Off

Drop off in the morning is any point between 8.30am and 8.45am. Many people are arriving promptly for 8.30am and queuing up – even on rainy mornings! There isn't a requirement to be in school for 8.30am promptly – you can arrive any time in the 15 minute window; however everyone should be in by 8.45am. Anyone arriving after 8.45am must come in through the main office as the yard doors will be closed.

# **Collection Arrangements**

If there are any amendments to collection arrangements (eg different adults to be authorised or a child in Year 5 or Year 6 is now allowed to walk on their own) please notify the school office in writing or email as soon as possible. If someone who is not named on the list and/or doesn't have your password and tries to collect your children, your children will not be released until we have sought clarification.

#### Ventilation

As you are aware, we must still keep classrooms ventilated. While we have the heating on, the classes can still be draughty. You still can send an additional jumper/hoody for your child to wear in class if they are reporting that it is colder/draughty – this should be in addition to their normal uniform though rather than instead of it.

# St Benet Biscop Catholic Academy

Year 6 parents will have received an invitation from St Benet Biscop to open days throughout October with tickets to be booked through their Eventbrite link. As some dates and times are during the school day, we are happy to release Year 6 children to accompany their parent/carer on the open day visit. Please inform the school office if you will be collecting your child or bringing your child in later so that they can attend an open day visit. For open days during the school day, children must return to Mowbray after their visit.

Yours sincerely

A. Miller

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