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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy first day of October!

I apologise for the number of letters you have received since the start of term - there is so much for us to share! Please find below some celebrations from this week and an update on some events scheduled to take place soon.

### Harvest Celebrations

Yesterday, when we gathered at Christ Church for our Harvest Service, the song Autumn Days reminded us that we 'mustn't forget to say a great big thank you' for those things we often take for granted (e.g. food). Karen, our vicar, also reminded us of the importance of hope and trusting that God will always provide for us. Earlier in the week we made a rainbow, the symbol of hope, from the handprints of every child in school. We looked at the rainbow and considered how our Headlands hands can provide hope to those in need.

On behalf of Headlands School and Christ Church, Liversedge, I would like to say a huge thank you for your generosity and support for the Batley Food Bank and the Rainbow Baby Bank in Heckmondwike. Your generosity was overwhelming and I am sure your donations will be greatly received by many families in our community.



### Rainbow Baby Bank - Pre-Loved Clothing

The Rainbow Baby Bank are 'desperately low' on winter clothes for children ages 2-16 yrs. Due to the recent change in weather, the baby bank clothing stock has been diminished.

If you have any clothes which your children have outgrown, and you would like to donate them to the baby bank, please bring them to school on Monday or Tuesday morning next week (4<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> October). Clothes should be in good clean condition, bagged up and handed to the class teacher. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### Our School Vision

We are about to embark upon a review and reshape of our school vision and we would like your views. Hopefully you have received an email with a link to a parent survey. Please ensure your views are captured by completing the [online survey](#) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

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### Cross-Country

A huge well done to the Key Stage 2 children who took part and represented Headlands in the Spen Valley Cross Country qualifier at Whitechapel School on Tuesday evening. You did not let the rain dampen your spirits and gave it your all, making everyone extremely proud of your efforts. A special mention must go to Beatrice in Year 4, Ruby in Year 5 and Ramsay in Year 6 who came in the top 3 within their racing category resulting in them making it through to the Kirklees Cross Country



finals. This next round will take place at Leeds Road Playing fields on 2nd November. I'm sure you'll all be with me as we wish them good luck, fingers crossed we progress onto the West Yorkshire finals.

### Friends of Headlands (FOH)

Friends of Headlands have their first meeting of the academic year on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm. This meeting will be held in school (entrance via the main office). Please come along and find out more about our parent and teacher association. Everyone is welcome - we need your help!

### Board Games

Are you planning a pre-Christmas clear out? If you have any board games that you would like to rehome, please consider donating them to school. We can use them in breakfast club and also in classrooms during wet break times.

### Parents' Consultations

Parents' consultations are scheduled for:

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm to 6.00pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm to 7.00pm.

You will soon be receiving a paper copy of a letter which must be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Please look out for this. Hopefully, we will have an electronic system up and running before consultations in the Spring Term.

### Training Days and School Closure

For information, school will be closed to pupils on the following days this term:

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Training Day
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term Holiday
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Additional Day of Holiday due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Christmas Holiday

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday.

Best wishes,

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