



FINSTALL FIRST SCHOOL



**Carnforth Road
BROMSGROVE
Worcestershire
B60 2HS**

Tel: 01527 872938

Fax: 01527 836448

E-mail office@finstallfirst.co.uk

Web Site www.finstallfirst.co.uk

HEADTEACHER: Mr Stuart Evans

We care, we share, we learn and achieve

13th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Harvest Assembly

This year, we will be holding our Harvest Assembly on the morning of Thursday 28th September.

As always, we shall be sharing our own good fortune with others and we will be most grateful if children in **Reception and Year 1** could bring produce to school on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th September so that we can make a colourful display for our Harvest Assembly. The produce will be sold during our "Macmillan Continental Café Morning" on the 29th September (more details below) and the proceeds will be given to the Macmillan Cancer Appeal. Therefore, we would be grateful if parents could possibly include some produce typical to other countries (eg pasta, garlic, couscous, melon,) although we will, of course, be grateful to receive typical harvest produce as well.

Macmillan Raffle

During our Macmillan Coffee Morning, there will be two raffles – one with prizes for children and one with prizes for adults. We would like the children in **Year 2** to donate prizes for the children's raffle whilst the School staff have been asked to donate prizes for the adults' raffle. Tickets for the Children's Raffle will be on sale in the classrooms throughout the Harvest week, priced 20p each. The raffle will be drawn in school on the afternoon of Friday 29th September at about 2.00pm.

Macmillan Continental Café Morning

Following such a successful event last year, and as the whole school will also be celebrating "The European Day of Languages" on the same day, we shall once again be holding our "Continental Café Morning" for the Macmillan Cancer Appeal on Friday 29th September. During the day, the children will be learning about the different languages and cultures of our European neighbours through games, activities and songs.

For their contribution to our harvest celebrations, the children in **Years 3 and 4** will be asked to bring in cakes, pastries, etc. that are typical to different countries in Europe, as well as our own traditional cakes and biscuits. Examples could include croissants, pain au chocolat, Danish pastries, baklavas, apple strudel, to name but a few or, alternatively, fairy cakes could be decorated with different European flags. Please could the cakes, biscuits, etc. be brought into school on the mornings of Thursday 28th or Friday 29th September.

This event is always well supported and, as a result, **there will be queues** but, in an attempt to keep them to a minimum, we would like parents to follow the instructions below:

We would like parents of children in Year R, who would like to attend the Coffee morning, to come straight into the hall via the Hall doors that open onto the playground between 8.45 and 9.00am. The Year R children and their siblings will then be registered as they enter the hall. Parents of Reception children who are unable to attend should take their children through the normal Reception year entrance.

All other children in Years 1 – 4 should enter School in the normal way between 8.50 and 9.00am to be registered in their classes. They should **not** join the queue with their parents. We would like parents of children in Lower School to join a queue outside on the playground, with a view to coming in to the Coffee Morning after the bell at 9.00am. Whilst you are in the queue, you will reach a collection point, organised with the help of Year 4 pupils. They will fetch your child, and any siblings in Upper School, for you when you reach this point in the queue.

We ask parents who only have children in Upper School to join us after 9.30am. Once again, your children will be collected from their classes when you reach the collection point in the queue.

Our café will be open until 11.00am and parents are welcome to bring friends, neighbours and relatives with them. For obvious reasons, we will only be able to hand children over to adults other than parents if we have received a completed consent form. This is attached to this e-mail (paper copy of the form sent home also) and informs us of who will be collecting your child. Please return these by Thursday 28th September. If you are unable to attend, your children will still be able to participate. For a voluntary contribution of 50p, they will be brought down to the hall in small groups and served with a drink and a cake or biscuit.

Access to and from the Coffee Morning will be through the hall doors on the playground, via the Parklands gate. There will be no access for parents to or from the hall via the Library area. The Lower School toilets will be available for parents to use during the morning, with access from the playground door.

When parents of younger children have finished and would like to return their children to their classes, please bring them to the Collection point in the hall where they will be taken back to class by one of our Year 4 helpers or a member of staff.

During the morning, parents and children will have the opportunity to purchase harvest produce and raffle tickets, with all proceeds going to the Macmillan Cancer Appeal.

We are sure that this event will be a huge success and that we will, once again, raise a great amount of money for such a worthy cause. We look forward to seeing you and would like to thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Evans
Head Teacher

