

Homework –

Thursday 17th October 2019



Miss Booth and
Mrs Smith



Dear Parent/Carer

When I wrote the homework last week, I said that we had raised over £1300 for Race for Life and for Macmillan – however, by the end of that particular day, another £700+ had come in!! Money is still coming in, but I think we can all be proud of raising well over £2,300 for those causes that touch us all.

Next week, on Tuesday, we celebrate Harvest Festival. This is an occasion that has changed so much, even in the time that I have been at Ivanhoe. In 2007 and 2008, I can remember the beautiful displays of fresh fruit and vegetables – and I can remember selling them outside St Peter's on the Saturday following, and donating the money to the church. Nowadays, we positively **don't want** anything fresh because we donate everything to the Food Bank and it needs to be non-perishable for that reason. I think that the emphasis of the day has also shifted from celebrating the harvest to considering the needs of others who struggle to feed their families, and it's strange for me to be reflecting on such a change in such a relatively short period of time. The one constant theme will definitely be the generosity of the Ivanhoe Community – never in a school (and I have been in quite a few!) have I known such a spirit of generosity as I have in Conisbrough. So please: tins and packets and something with a decent shelf life – and I would say, something that you would like you and your family to eat. If things could be left at the office, that would be lovely.

Next week, we also have our Hallowe'en fun. We have the pumpkin competition where entrants need to be in on Wednesday and they must be taken home on Friday (as we go straight into the half-term holiday). We have the Hallowe'en discos on Thursday evening which are always brilliant fun. One of the new ideas for this Hallowe'en disco is the sale of pre-owned Christmas jumpers, dressing up clothes and winter coats. I cleared out our coat cupboard at home and brought some lovely coats that my boys used to wear: it seems silly to buy new for £20-£30 when you can get one for a pound or so – and most children wear coats to have fun and get dirty in... This also means that we recycle as opposed to manufacturing new – thus helping to help the planet☺. I think it is important to remember all the hard work that Lyndsey Bush puts into every disco we have – thank you so much☺☺☺.

Finally, all the teachers in the school had their breath taken away by the Y1 parents and children making animal figures out of this and that in school – what a turnout and what brilliant animals you made!

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.