

# Homework –

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020



Miss Moseley



Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to thank all those parents who sent in food for the Harvest Festival this year. If you look at the **Picture of the Week** on the website, you will see the huge number of carrier bags filled with food that we were able to donate to Food Aware for them to distribute to those in need. If you look on our twitter account (@HeadatIvanhoe) you will see the lovely donation from **Waites Cash and Carry** who often support this school. The parents at this school are extremely generous when it comes to giving – I have been in schools a long time and I have never known anything like the generosity of this community.

Reports are coming out today. We are reporting to parents twice this term as there wasn't a report in the summer term (as we hadn't seen children for so long.) The format is to have a settling-in comment and to show you your child's level of attainment. **Please do not be concerned if the report is mainly red** – children have been off school for quite a while, but we need a baseline so that you can see the progress that your child makes over this term when you receive the next report in December. At this stage in the year, I think that the comment is more important than the data – which we can examine more carefully in December and February.

You will have seen that we planned to have school disco events to celebrate Hallowe'en as we considered it an important event in the lives of the school and the children. We were going to have 'cashless' discos just in our bubbles and with reduced numbers in order to make them safer. However, I wrote to Public Health England and asked them for their view – and their view is that we shouldn't go ahead: *In light of the increasing rates of COVID, any activities such as a disco that will increase the risk of the infection will need to be discouraged, especially as this is likely to be in an indoor environment rather than outside. Social distancing in this situation maybe challenging as well to guarantee among the group of children.*

I do find it irksome (that's a word I haven't used for a long time – irritating or annoying) that schools are encouraged to break bubbles with wraparound care but discouraged from events like this, held in bubbles – but that is where we are at the moment and so the discos must be cancelled for this year.

On the positive side, we will be having the **pumpkin competition** – though the pumpkins will be kept in classes (with each class having a prize for the best one) and on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October it will be a non-uniform day based on the theme of Hallowe'en** 😊.

**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.**