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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you for all your support with our harvest festival collection; we have a large selection of goods to donate to the Southampton City Mission Charity.

The Southampton City Mission Charity, amongst other things, runs a 'Basics Bank', where they provide emergency food for people who 'fall through the gap' or are 'struggling with a life crisis'.

We were lucky enough to have two of the volunteers from Southampton City Mission Charity to come into Yarrow Heights and present a special assembly to our year 9 pupils on why we hold a harvest festival and to talk about the different forms of generosity. The pupils involved engaged extremely well throughout.

We will be taking some pupils to visit the Southampton City Mission, where we will drop off our school's donations, and have the chance to see the charity in action.



E-SAFETY

Next week is e-safety week. Although, as a school, we always endeavour to be vigilant on all matters relating to online safety, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind pupils, staff and parents about the importance of remaining safe online, both in and outside of school.

We are aware that monitoring online activities can be difficult, given how much time our young people spend using electronic devices. Therefore, we would like to offer some top tips on how to support your child to ensure that they remain safe online.

Firstly, we would recommend the need to monitor and be aware of sites and apps your child is using. Following is a list of apps, websites and settings that allow you to track and control the amount of time your child spends on their device. They enable you to restrict the downloading of certain apps or accessing inappropriate websites.

Links:

1. Net Nanny
2. Kaspersky Safe Kids.
3. Norton Family (A strong option for kids who use Android and Windows)
4. OurPact
5. Google Family Link
6. Qustodio

We advise that you take an interest in any 'trends' or 'fads' being discussed at home or on the news. I am sure you are all aware of the unfortunate incident that occurred on TiK ToK recently. With that in mind, we have also attached two links **HERE** and **HERE** on how to monitor this specific app. However, it is not always easy to predict which apps are going to be in fashion on a week by week basis, so in asking our young people what they are posting, viewing, etc we can hopefully keep our pupils safe online.

Over the course of this year, we will be in contact regularly to inform you of any specific patterns we are noticing in school with regards to e-safety on their personal devices. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions or alert us to any specific issues that you are noticing that could help us to keep our pupils safe.

