

Dear Parents,

Everyone has been so generous supporting our school to help National and local charities.

Through your generous donations, we have raised; £85.00 for Jeans for Genes; £213.17 for Macmillan and a magnificent mountain of food, collected yesterday, by the Food Cupboard. It makes me very proud to see how much our families do to support others. Thank you.

As half term approaches (wasn't that a super speedy first half term?) the children are looking forward to holidays and Halloween. We don't celebrate this event in school, just some of the Harvest and Autumn events around it. There has been advice and information for families regarding keeping safe at Halloween and I've included a link to the MK Citizen with alternative ideas to 'Trick or Treating'.

<https://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/news/people/council-advises-people-not-go-trick-or-treating-halloween-milton-keynes-due-covid-risk-3008407>

Five alternatives to trick or treating:

- Have a pumpkin trail in your street or neighbourhood... Help children carve or draw pumpkins and place them in your window. Neighbouring children can have fun pumpkin spotting. You could give your children prizes for the number of pumpkins they spot.
- Watch a Halloween film.... Even young children can enjoy some family favourites. MK Council is funding MyCinema throughout the October half term with 12 spooky drive in films shown. Thanks to council funding it costs just £5 per car with all proceeds going to MK Food Bank. Films will be announced on 19 October on the [booking site](#).
- Have a virtual trick or treat with friends and family... Arrange to be around in advance and share your costumes via video call or just share a spooky joke over the phone – every call made could mean a treat goes in the trick or treat bucket/bag.
- Have fun decorating your house... There are lots of templates and crafting ideas online.
- Have a Halloween scavenger hunt... Give children a list of Halloween themed decorations to look for on a walk, such as spiders, cobwebs or ghosts or hide treats around your house and set clues to find them.

Families can still go out and walk together and play Halloween Bingo (kindly passed onto us by Mrs Armitage's daughter).

Whatever you do, keep safe and enjoy the family fun.

Enjoy the half term holiday, and we look forward to welcoming those who are attending our Holiday club next week.

Stay safe, keep smiling

Jane Mackie

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Colour in the pictures and get looking!

