Greenbank School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Demitri, from St John's Church, Hartford, joined us on Wednesday for our Harvest Festival Assembly. This year, we supported the local food bank run by St John's Church. My thanks go to Mr Duncalf for leading the festival event, and to all the families who were able to donate. The generosity of our community was clear from the many donations received; our Duke of Edinburgh Award team needed quite some time to box up all the donations before handing them over to Demitri to take to the food bank. Thank you again for your kindness and support.

Promoting reading and reading for pleasure is one of our school priorities. Through our book vending machine, pupils can choose a book to keep when they earn a token for an exceptional piece of work or another example of going above and beyond. To further encourage independent reading, our Literacy Lead, Mrs Foreman, organised a '**DEAR**' event—Drop Everything And Read on Wednesday. At a given signal, pupils and staff stopped what they were doing and spent some time reading a book of their choice. My thanks to Mrs Foreman for organising the first of these events.

'Halloween' Family Fun Night was a great success last night- with an opportunity for families and pupils having the chance to meet. With over 80 sets of tickets sold a great time was had by all. My thanks to Kate, our Family Liaison Advisor, and all the staff volunteers who were able to support the night.

Today marks the end of the first half of the autumn term. We were pleased to grant pupils' request for a non-uniform day and Friday's reward activities included a Halloween disco- also at the request of pupils'.

School will close for the half-term break on **Friday 23rd October** and reopen for pupils on **Monday 2nd November**. Please also note that school will be closed to pupils on **Wednesday 4th November** for whole-school training. The focus of this training will be neurodiversity and its impact on teaching strategies.

As an advance notice, **Tempest Photography** will be in school on **Monday 9th November** to take school photographs.

It has been a busy, exciting and successful half term, pupils across school- including our new Year 7 pupils have settled really well and are setting the foundations for successful terms to come.

Best wishes,

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