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Dear Parents and Carers,

The sponsored spelling test sessions have been completed now and the children's enthusiasm and hard work has been rewarded with some top scores. A big thank you to all of them and to you too and the many family and friends who have sponsored the school's new roof appeal. Your support really is invaluable and we are looking to make a significant dent in the total we need to pay. Sponsor money and donations can be brought to the secretary or via class teachers next week and hopefully this will be the case, though we know that this may take a little time and some monies may arrive after half term. That is absolutely fine - please remember to pass on our grateful thanks for this much needed support, we are delighted with your efforts on our behalf.

Our Harvest collection is coming along nicely and we hope to give it an extra boost on Friday by holding our CAFOD Pastoral Care Walk to Readhead Park and back. The term has been so busy that we are a bit behind with our organisation, but as always everyone is welcome to come along on the walk and join in the fun and games in the yard afterwards. Every child is invited to select a bright outfit for the day and this year as fundraising is already so focused on the roof appeal, there will be no charge. Instead we ask that everyone brings a tin for our collection. I know that many donations have been made already and with more to come next week we will again have a lot to pass on to The Key, Centre for the Homeless in South Shields. We will also make a donation from current school funds to CAFOD's El Salvador Appeal - the children were very interested in Wednesday's assembly and their singing of a new Harvest Song sounded fantastic.

By now I think that everyone has an appointment for the Open Evenings (Open Mornings for Reception Class) next week. Y6 will have a catch up week after half term and separate invitations will be issued. Please keep Miss Carrahar and her family in your thoughts as her father's funeral takes place next Tuesday.

I look forward to seeing you as the week progresses.

This half term has certainly flown hasn't it? The school will be closed Monday to Friday, October 23 - 27. We return at the usual time on Monday October 30th.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Best Wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher.

