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Dear Parents / Carers

Ground Developments

As you no doubt have seen, the grounds have had an enormous transformation over the last couple of weeks. The log cabin is up and almost ready to be used by the children. This will predominantly be a space for foundation pupils; however, will be used by all children, I'm sure, at one point or another. Thanks to a grant provided by a Benevolent Foundation, we will be purchasing new benches and picnic tables which will help to finish off the outside area.

Parents' Evening

We will be having our formal parents' evening on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November. This is a 10 minute appointment to meet with your class teacher to see how your child is progressing in their learning. Sign up forms are now outside Mrs Hall's office. Governors and I will be available during both evenings to talk to you should you wish.

Homework Club - Monday 18th November

Due to Parents' Evening, there will be no homework club on Monday 18th November. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. There are no other clubs on that evening; however, preschool offer after school club if you require it.

Remembrance

Four of our Year 6 pupils took part in the Calne School's Service of Remembrance today. Their singing was fantastic and it was wonderful to see all the children of Calne coming together for a shared purpose. We will be holding a minute's silence on Monday 11th November at 11am. If you would like to join us, please be at school for 10.45am. Poppies are on sale now from the school office.



Community Bingo

Bingo is back by popular demand! Our first evening of the new school year will be Friday 29th November. Doors open at 7pm and the games start at 7.30pm. If you haven't come along before, a great night can be assured with lots of cash prizes, raffle and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there! Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated!

Music Lessons

The numbers of pupils taking up music lessons is growing; however, there is still space for more pupils. If your child would like to learn either the piano or guitar, please contact Andrew on ahurst.aveburymusic@gmail.com.

Children in Need

This year for Children in Need we are going to be going on a Countryfile Ramble! Sponsor forms have been sent out today so please ask friends and family. You are welcome to join us on Friday 15th November at 9.30am. Bring your wellies!!! This will be a non-uniform day.

Challenging Behaviour Course

Remember that the challenging behaviour course starts on Monday in the log cabin from 9 - 11am and runs for the next four weeks. This promises to be a great support to parents and I would highly recommend it. It could be time very well spent!

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Mrs Cater (Miss Charlesworth) who got married just before the half term break. We wish her and her husband lots of luck and best wishes for their lives together.

Message from Mrs Harper

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for my lovely leaving gifts, cards and flowers. I felt like it was my birthday! The flowers were beautiful. I loved the autumn colours. The cards from the children were lovely and emotional to read! The plate with everyone's fingerprints on is just gorgeous. I have my eyes out for a modern type plate stand. It will take pride of place. To work with all your children has been an absolute pleasure and I leave Heddington with many happy memories of the last five years. Thank you all again.

Multiplication Challenge

Please continue to work on times tables with your child at home. Remember, if children can complete their 10 x 10 multiplication grid in less than 5 minutes then they will earn a reward. There are also rewards for completing in less than 4, 3 and 2½ minutes. If you would like any additional worksheets to support you, please let me know.

Coffee Morning at Church

The church is starting drop in coffee mornings every Monday during term time starting on Monday 4th November from 8.45 - 10.30am. This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends, have a cuppa and catch up. Please come and have a chat with me for more information.

PE Kits

Physical Education is an important part of the National Curriculum and it is essential that children have the appropriate clothing to be able to participate. We have noticed that some children are not bringing in their kits or they are inappropriate. Our dress code for PE can be found on the school website. From now on, if children don't have the correct clothing we will send a letter home. As the weather is getting colder, please think about appropriate clothing for participating in outdoor sports.

Governors

On Wednesday 13th, we will be joined in school by several Governors for our second Governor Day. This is an opportunity for Governors to come in and see the school in full swing. The role of a Governor is that of challenge and support. This is a great way for them to see what is going on in school by observing, talking to pupils and members of staff. The foci for this day will be Health and Safety, Early Years and English.

Flu Immunisations

Children have received their flu immunisations today. Sadly, only 63% of pupils were immunised. Children will have come home with a certificate if they did receive the treatment. If not, and you would like to get your child immunised, please visit the Virgin Care website.

Clubs

Please ensure that we receive payment for clubs as soon as possible. Payment can be made by cash, BACS or card payment in the school office. Please see Mrs Hall for more details.

PTA

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 11th November at 6pm. This will be to discuss preparations for the Christmas Fayre. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, please speak to Clare Colvin, Esin Rawlinson or myself.

Dates for the Diary

I have put in as many dates as possible for the next two terms. Please make a note of them in your diaries so you know when different events are taking place. I will always try to be available at the start and end of the school day. If you would rather arrange a more formal meeting, please don't hesitate to make an appointment.

Kind regards

Ashley Martin

Dates for the Diary

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| Anti-Bullying Week | WB 11 th November | All Week |
| School Remembrance Service | Monday 11 th November | 10.45am |
| Challenging Behaviour Course Starts | Monday 11 th November | 9 - 11am |
| Ramble for Children in Need | Friday 15 th November | 9.30am |
| Challenging Behaviour Course | Monday 18 th November | 9 - 11am |
| Short Parents' Evening | Monday 18 th November | 3.30 - 5pm |
| Long Parents' Evening | Tuesday 19 th November | 3.30 - 6.30pm |
| HADS Performance | 20 th - 23 rd November | Evenings |
| Challenging Behaviour Course | Monday 25 th November | 9 - 11am |
| Marlins Visit to Calne Heritage Centre | Monday 25 th November | During School Day |
| Kingswood Payment Due for Marlins | Friday 29 th November | During School Day |
| Community Bingo | Friday 29 th November | 7pm |
| Challenging Behaviour Course | Monday 2 nd December | 9 - 11am |
| Community Performance | Monday 9 th December | 10am |
| Nativity Performance Day | Tuesday 10 th December | 2pm & 6pm |
| PTA Christmas Fayre | Friday 13 th December | After School |
| Village 9 Lessons & Carols | Sunday 15 th December | 6pm |
| Whole School Trip to Pantomime | Wednesday 18 th December | TBC |
| Christmas Dinner Day | Thursday 19 th December | During School Day |
| Christmas Jumper Day | Thursday 19 th December | During School Day |
| End of Term Church Service | Friday 20 th December | 2pm |
| End of Term 2 | Friday 20 th December | 3.15pm |
| Term 3 Starts | Monday 6 th January | 8.45am |
| Term 3 Ends | Friday 14 th February | 3.15pm |
| Term 4 Starts | Monday 24 th February | 8.45am |
| Term 4 Ends | Friday 3 rd April | 3.15pm |
| Term 5 Starts | Monday 20 th April | 8.45am |
| Term 5 Ends | Friday 22 nd May | 3.15pm |
| School Closed TD Day | Monday 1 st June | All Day |
| Term 6 Starts | Tuesday 2 nd June | 8.45am |
| Term 6 Ends | Wednesday 22 nd July | 1pm |