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Dear parents

Welcome back everyone - I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. The lead up to Christmas is always busy with wonderful performances, trips and activities coming up so please keep checking the newsletter for dates. Reception and Year 2 both chose to begin the half-term with trips to Todmorden Fire Station and Jerusalem Farm respectively. The weather stayed fine and the children and staff had a wonderful time.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Smith who gave birth to a baby girl on Tuesday! Mother and baby are both home and doing well. Wonderful news! ☺

E-Safety Parents' Meeting

This week a letter has gone out to all families inviting you to attend an e-safety meeting on Tuesday 14th November at 3:30pm. In school as part of our curriculum we teach the children about the importance of staying safe online. In addition we tackle specific issues as and when they arise. We would like to welcome parents into school to talk about some of the ways we can all ensure our children remain safe online.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance

Key Stage 1 will be putting on a performance at the Hippodrome in December as part of their Christmas celebrations. The date for this performance will be **Tuesday 19th December**.

Poppy Appeal

This week, the House Captains have been selling bracelets, reflectors and snap band rulers in aid of the annual poppy appeal. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to this worthy cause.



Scholastic Book Fair - new books for school!

Thank you again to all parents who supported our book fair last half-term. Staff have been spending the vouchers earned on new books for the children, including some super new dictionaries and thesauruses, lovely books for Early Years as well as more guided reading books and a selection of new novels. Fantastic! ☺

PFA Halloween Bake Sale - a thank you to all!

On Thursday 26th October, the PFA hosted a cake sale. I am thrilled to announce that the total raised was a fantastic £165.75! Amazing! A huge 'thankyou' to all children and parents who brought in cakes for the sale - we were so impressed by the variety on offer and think there could be some contenders for The Great British Bake Off 2018!! It was very hard to choose one winner but the judges were unanimous in their decision: well done to Sameeha in 5/6G whose brain cake made everyone smile! Sameeha has received her Amazon book voucher courtesy of the PFA. A special mention goes to the House Captains who helped to raise £40 towards the final total by selling cakes at break time and after school on the Friday.

Year 6 Residential Deposit

The required deposit for this year's Year 6 residential trip is £50. The deadline set for receiving this deposit was today however we still have quite a number outstanding. A text reminder has gone out and a further letter will be sent home today with the children. If you wish to secure a place for your child to go on this trip (7th - 9th March 2018), please pay the deposit by no later than **Friday 17th November**. Thank you. **Please note: Payment for trips must be made via cash or cheque payment to the office.**

Bank Details

Yorkshire Bank
Name: Castle Hill Current Account
Sort Code: 05-09-59
Account Number: 39338997

Todmorden Lamplighter Festival Workshops

The Lamplighter Festival returns on **Saturday 25th November**. Come along and make your own lantern for the parade. All the materials are provided and as much or as little instruction as you need. Adults, teenagers, families, are all welcome. If you're under 13, please bring an adult with you. Entrance is by donations. Workshops will be taking place on the following dates:

Saturday 11 Nov	2 - 4.30pm
Sunday 12 Nov	2 - 4.30 pm
Wednesday 15 Nov	4 - 6.30 pm
Saturday 18 Nov	2 - 4.30 pm
Sunday 19 th Nov	2 - 4.30 pm
Wednesday 22 nd Nov	4 - 6.30pm

Advent Choir - rehearsals and performance

Our choir have begun rehearsals for the Advent Praise service which will take place at St. Mary's Church, Todmorden on Sunday 3rd December at 3pm. Parents are asked to bring the children to the church at 2:45pm where they will be met by Mrs Shaw. Parents are encouraged to stay for the service which is expected to last approximately one hour.

Class Assemblies - Autumn

Class assemblies take place at 9:10am and last approximately 20-30mins. A new list for the Spring term will be published shortly. Please note: celebration assemblies will change to a Tuesday morning next term.

Date:	Class:
Wed 22 nd Nov	3/4H

Contact Details

Please ensure that the office has the completed Emergency Contact Form to ensure we hold the correct information for your child.

Attendance

The best attending classes this week were:
In KS1: 1/2S with 99%.
In KS2: 3/4H with 100%.

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