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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy start to this academic year! All classes are now well in to their learning journeys, with many exciting lessons planned. With the amazing weather throughout September, classes have been able to carry out some of their lessons outside, as we are very lucky to have such fantastic grounds around the school. Here are a few photos of what the children have been up to!





It was wonderful to see so many of you at the 'meet the teacher' event carried out in school and also at our Harvest Festivals. We were extremely proud of both KS1 and KS2 who represented our school incredibly well. Thank you for all the donations towards such a valuable cause. The children also made a fantastic contribution towards St Margaret's Church Flower Festival, where a number of our year 5 children helped to make poppies, which were then on display in the Church. It was lovely to be able to take part in this community event.

We have already carried out pupil progress meetings in school with staff, discussing how children are doing and organising support for those that need it within the class. In order to help your children make as much progress as possible, it is vital that children are reading daily at home and going over times tables so they are able to recall times table facts quickly as this will make a tremendous difference to what they are able to access in school.

Our year 5 children attended the Paralympic event at UCTC, which was a huge success. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the activities set up and were able to demonstrate some of their skills and techniques during the sessions.

We welcome Mrs Derbyshire to the role of Bursar across the federation. We would like to thank Mrs Greenwood for all the work she has done for the federation over the years and for Buxted in particular, having been in the role for 19 years. Mrs Greenwood will be missed but we wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Yesterday, we have held an educational event at Buxted with a focus on writing, with colleagues attending from many schools across East Sussex. We thank you for your support with collection at the end of the day and for parking in alternative places. Events such as this, work to support our colleagues in schools and providing first class teaching for children.

MacMillian Coffee afternoon:

Friday 12th October- From 1.45pm. A separate letter has gone out for this and it would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible supporting such a worthwhile cause.

The Big Sing:

We will soon be taking part in the 'Big Sing'. This is open to year 5 and 6 with places limited. The children will be expected to take part in a school club to train for this exciting event, a festive concert in collaboration with Glyndebourne and the University of Sussex, which will be a fixed number of sessions with Mark Broad. There will be a separate letter going home about this. All of the children in year 5 and 6 will be learning some of the songs to sing at our KS2 Christmas Carol service. Looking forward to it already!

Parent Consultation Evening:

This will be held on Wednesday the 17th of October from the end of the school day until 7.30 pm, and also on the 18th of October until 5.30pm. Please ensure that you are able to attend these dates to discuss how your child is doing at school.

Dates for the diary:

End of term 1: Friday 19th October

Half term: Mon 22nd October- Fri 26th October

Start of term 2: Monday 29th October

Thursday 1st November: KS1 Sharing Assembly at 9am

Thursday 8th November: KS2 Sharing Assembly at 9am

Friday 20th November: Open morning for new intake, Early Years at 9.30 am

Friday 30th November: Open morning for new intake, Early Years at 9.30am

Friday 30th November: Christmas Fair 6pm- 8pm. (If you are able to help with a stall, please let Laura Dobson or Lara Kerridge know).

Tuesday 11th December: KS1 Nativity at 9.15am

Wednesday 12th December: KS1 Nativity at 9.15am

Wednesday 12th December: Christmas lunch- details to follow.

Thursday 13th December: KS2 Carol service at Buxted Church at 6pm.

Wednesday 19th December: Last day of term.

Thursday 3rd Jan: INSET DAY

Water Bottles/Snacks:

Please provide a water bottle for your child in class, which cannot be squash. If this is spilt, it makes a very sticky mess! Also please could we remind you that snacks should be healthy, such as fruit or cereal bars etc. Crisps, cakes and chocolate are not permitted. Key stage 1 are given a piece of fruit every break time which is funded by the government. Thank you for support with this.

Parking:

A polite reminder not to park in front of the 'no parking' areas in the main car- park, or against the hedge opposite the car- park as traffic is then unable to flow round. Please use Buxted Park and the crossing when collecting children or the White Hart pub to reduce congestion in the main car- park. Parking within the main car- park is for parents and carers of Oak class. This does not apply to the disabled bays. If your child is not at the gate on the drive through, please go round again so that other children can be collected and the flow of traffic can be sustained.

Attendance:

Please be reminded of the importance of children attending school. Any attendance dropping below 96% may have an effect on the progress your child is able to make due to missing too much of the curriculum and creating a gap from work missed. Every lesson missed has a knock on effect as teachers carefully plan work to build on concepts taught in class. For example, writing is built up over time and children need to see the writing modelled to then write a quality piece themselves. Missing maths lessons creates gaps in learning, as well as the wider Curriculum. We do appreciate your support with this, and will send children home if we feel they are poorly whilst in school.

Thank you for bringing your children into school on time, we have noticed a huge improvement in this, enabling lessons to start promptly.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Parent Consultations, as well as at some of the learning Journey days that will soon be coming up. Class teachers will be letting you know about these soon.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

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