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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors



Children In Need

Apologies for the delay in sharing information relating to activities that will be taking place next Friday, 16th November, for Children In Need but the School Council, in agreement with their respective classes, have now decided they would like all pupils to do the following:



Donate £1 minimum

There will be activities throughout the day related to pupils learning about what the money they raise gets spent on. Also a Bake-Off, with cakes made by adults within the school and judged by the pupils. Some classes have also decided to bake a cake to enter anonymously! The children will all get to taste a slice of one of the cakes during break time; hopefully not one with a soggy bottom!

Parking



Thank you for your support this week in keeping safety the priority for all children at the drop-off by using the U driveway. The process works more efficiently, and the children are **not walking close to moving cars. It's a great shame that the same cannot be said for the pick-up process too**; we still have a number of cars parking within the staff carpark and moving **whilst children are still exiting the school. Using a headteacher's time to manage parking is disappointing**, when this time could be far better used to meet with parents, at your convenience, as you drop off and collect your children. However, if I do need to start standing in the car park at pick up so that all parents see the importance of safety for our pupils, then I will indeed do so.

Christmas Card Design

This year it would be fantastic to send out a school Christmas card to all of our school families. The idea is that instead of you writing out lots of card to individual families, you donate to the school the cost of a pack of cards and we design a card and add the names of all family members that the card is from. These cards will then be sent home at the end of

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term, to all families and our neighbours, with the names inside of those who contributed. This is a fantastic scheme that will save you hours of time usually spent writing out your Christmas cards whilst also contributing to a worthwhile cause, Crisis at Christmas. All funds raised will go towards our collection for this national charity that supports single homeless people by offering year-round education, employment, housing and well-being services from centres across the UK called Crisis Skylight Centres.

If you are interested in this idea then please do sign up your donation online, via the School Gateway. The deadline for payment will be Monday 17th December.



## Attendance Ted

For the second week running, Attendance Ted has been awarded to Rabbits class for 99% attendance this week. Well done to all in Rabbits class - and keep it up!



## Punctuality Pup

Punctuality Pup will have to divide his time next week between Squirrels class and Moles class, who both only had one late all week! Well done to both classes!



## Aviva Community Fund - Our Forest School Allotment Area project

Just an update for all parents regarding our Forest School Allotment Area project that is currently registered in the Aviva Community fund scheme. Thank you so much to all parents **and carers that have currently voted but please don't stop there for we need all the votes we can get to stand a chance of winning £1,000 towards setting up our own on-site allotment.** With only 11 more days to go before voting closes please do spread the word and, if you **haven't already done so, visit the Aviva Community fund website to register your email and cast your votes** - <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/campaign/getinvolved>

# THANK YOU!

## Headlice

There have been a couple of confirmed cases of head lice reported to us this week. While lice **are nothing more than a nuisance, please can we ask that you check your child(ren)'s hair over the weekend and treat where necessary.**

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## PTFA Corner

The Christmas Craft and Movie Night is going to be held on Thursday 13th December to coincide with the late night shopping evenings in Maidstone (The Mall and Fremlin Walk). Watch this space for further details.



## Diary Dates

16th November	Children In Need
16th November	Sutton Valence Care Home Art exhibition - groups of pupils will be visiting
22nd November	Drop In Thursday
23rd November	Local Authority Attendance Officer on site
23rd November	Foxes Class trip
11th December	Afternoon performance of Tinsel and Tea-Towels, with toddlers
12th December	Afternoon performance of Tinsel and Tea-Towels
13th December	Christmas Craft and Movie Night, more information to follow from PTFA
13th December	The Nutcracker Pantomime - visit from external theatre group
14th December	Junior Carol Concert
17th December	Christmas Lunch
18th December	Elf visit
19th December	Singing group to visit Sutton Valence Care Home
19th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Crisis at Christmas charity
19th December	Class party and visit from Santa
19th December	Last day of Term
7th January 2019	Children return to school



Have an enjoyable weekend everyone.

Miss Terry

*Lest we forget*

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