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14th October, 2022.

Dear Parents / Carers,



We're now paperless!

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It's Friday again and I am looking forward to seeing the following superstars for assembly this afternoon. They are:

Year 6 – Seth P and Jess T
Year 5 – Kinda G and Rawan Z
Year 4 – Alex H and Reva P
Year 3 – Brooke H and Jalees H
Year 2 – Bella-Rose S and Elianna W-H
Year 1 – K'Mya C and Ollie-James S
Sports stars: Tatenda P and Henry John P

Well done to all of these children for their great achievements and fantastic attitudes to learning! We look forward to sharing their successes with their families later on today.

Anti-bullying week – odd socks day: Monday 14th November

To mark the start of anti-bullying week on Monday, we are asking children to come to school wearing odd socks – the odder, the better! There is no charge for this; it is our usual way of celebrating difference and promoting the message of acceptance of all differences.

Children in Need Day: Friday 18th November

Time to dig out those spotty clothes, as once again we will be fundraising for Children in Need. It is a non-uniform day and we are encouraging as many spotty outfits as possible. No need to buy anything new – if you haven't got any spots, that's fine, just plain clothes will do. We are asking for a contribution of £1 per child, all going towards this great charity.

Workshops

A big thank you to those of you who attended the recent workshop on use of Wonde. We hope you found it useful. Also, many thanks for supporting your child's enjoyment of reading by attending the book breakfasts on Friday mornings. Next Friday, we are inviting parents and carers of Y5 and Y6 children to come into the library from 8.30 and enjoy some reading time with

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your children. The kettle will be on and the juice poured to go with your chocolate brioches!

School photos

These will be taken on Thursday 17th November – a message regarding arrangements for families will be going out on Monday.

Term time holidays

Some of you will have received letters about penalties because as you know, I cannot authorise term time holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please understand that this is a requirement by law. No one who took leave last year post lockdown was penalised as that was a decision I made – families had some holidays abroad rescheduled beyond their control and I empathised with you and agreed the term time leave as long as attendance otherwise was very good. Because I had agreed this, I did not penalise anyone else who had holidays in this country either, again as long as attendance was otherwise very good, because I knew how difficult it had been for everyone and it would not have been fair. Having said this, there were not many families who took term time leave - it was the exception rather than the norm. However, as I wrote before the summer break, we have to come into line with other schools, as a local authority school. I have written before that I totally understand your frustration with the price of holidays during the holiday periods, but this is not my decision to make. Thank you for your anticipated understanding.

Roof replacement

Despite a few troubles with the weather, the roof project is well underway and everything is now watertight. The dining room part of the project is scheduled to be finished over the next 2-3 weeks so everything will return to normal for lunch sittings. The children have coped very well with a smaller space since we returned after half term – well done to all of them. The entire project will go well into the new year as there are several phases due to the large area of roof which needs replacing, so you are likely to see scaffolding and fences for a while longer!

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Donations for the Christmas Fayre

If you have games and toys in very good condition, or anything which would make a nice prize or part of a prize, your donations will be gratefully received for the Christmas Fayre raffle. Please just donate at the doors at drop off/collection times.

These are the main messages for now. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday – and some of you later after 'Read and Relax.' Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth

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