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21st October, 2022.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well here we are, the weeks have raced by and we end a very busy first half term with a party! We are all looking forward to the disco later and hope that the children enjoy every minute after working so hard for these past few weeks.

Play area and playground

The new trim trail has been a great success and it has been wonderful to see the children making the most of it.

Unfortunately, the skip collection caused further damage to our playground, which is why we have sectioned off a part of it close to the Brockworth Road path. Thank you to the parent who informed us of this. As I wrote last week, the path itself will be resurfaced in the half term break and the whole of the playground and other routes onto it will be totally resurfaced in the spring holiday as this obviously requires a longer period without children on site.

Clubs after half term

These will be back in the first week after half term. Those of you whose children were in science, drama or computing club will have received a letter about the change in children for second half term. All other clubs remain the same. Please remember that science club is an additional £1 per week to cover resources.

Year 5 harvest assembly

Thank you for the great turnout from parents, carers and other family members today. The children did very well considering they have been out of the spotlight of class assemblies since they were in Year 2! Thank you as well to all families who donated so generously to the harvest collection. As I am writing, the class are bagging it all up and delivering to the farmhouse to be used by Spearhead Trust.

Parents' evening

Again, we had a good turnout for the parent face to face and telephone conversations. Thanks for all of your positivity – it was so good to welcome you back

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and have a good chat and catch up about your children have settled into their new classes. We hope you find it useful to have the option of a phone call – it's not always easy to get back into school after collection time!

Term time holidays

Just a reminder that I cannot authorise term time leave unless it is a genuine family emergency or unique occasion such as the wedding or funeral of a close family member. I have attached our letter in collaboration with Birmingham City Council that sets out the case for this. If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, you **MUST** notify the office and you will be given a form to fill out. Your request will either be authorised or denied if it does not meet the criteria for special circumstances. In this case, you will then receive a letter explaining our position again, and it is likely that you will receive a fine from the council. Please note that it is obviously not acceptable to take term time leave and report it as sickness absence if this is not the case. This has happened already this term and becomes a safeguarding concern if we do not know where children are. It also sets a very bad example to children as they then have to go along with the lie. Fortunately, this has not been the case for the vast majority of parents and carers over the years, so thank you for your honesty. You know that I empathise with you about the ridiculous prices for holidays out of term time, but unfortunately we are not able to authorise for this reason.

Calendar of events – Autumn 2

I have separately attached a calendar of events for the second half of the term. We have had a few additions, including our theatre trips in December, and some minor changes so please take a look.

So it just remains for me to say, have an enjoyable half term break with your children and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 31st October. Happy holidays to those of you who manage to get a break!

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth

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