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30th September, 2022.

Dear Parents / Carers,

That lovely Friday feeling starts with naming our wonderful stars for assembly this afternoon. They are:

Year 6 – Lexi M and Scarlet
Year 5 – Alexie-Blue L and Eason H
Year 4 – Oliver R and Shriya R
Year 3 – Khayri W and Olivia K
Year 2 – Ebony H and Lukas Y
Year 1 – Leiah W and Ollie M
Sports stars: Charlie T Y6 and Leah C Y3

Well done to all of these children for their great achievements and fantastic attitudes to learning.

Medical Forms

Thanks to those of you who sent these in promptly. If your child does not have any medical conditions, you can discard this form – we just wanted to make sure that everyone was reminded so we can keep our records up to date.

Upcoming Parent Workshops reminders

Friday 7th October – Reading and Phonics Reception/Y1 parents/carers: Please make sure you send your form into school to indicate your attendance by **Wednesday 5th October** at the latest please so that we have a clear indication of numbers.

Tuesday 11th October - Ben Waterworth, from Beacon School Support will be running an interactive and informative workshop for parents/ carers entitled: 'Helping your child to be their best – at home and at school.' The session will run from 2pm – 3pm.



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Parents' evening

For the first time, we are offering the option of a phone appointment on the last Wednesday of term or a face to face appointment on the Thursday. Our booking system does not allow for both to be booked at the same time. So a letter will be going out on Monday, asking you to book a face to face appointment if you wish to come into school and this must be booked by **Monday 10th October**. After this date, you will no longer be able to book a face to face appointment as the booking system will close for this option. You will have to book a phone appointment. The booking system for phone appointments will open on **Tuesday 11th October** and close on **Monday 17th October**. We have to adhere to these deadlines so that the process runs smoothly and the office staff have time to sort the lists for the teachers. Please remember that the teachers have a lot of work to do throughout the day and after school and cannot accommodate appointments outside of these two dates.

Attendance

Please remember that it is essential for you to contact the school if your child is not able to attend due to illness. Most parents and carers do this, but we still have to phone to check others and often get no response. This means that you are likely to receive a visit from our Family Support Co-ordinator, Miss Hackett, which is not a good use of her time when a simple phone call can be made. Thank you in anticipation of your full support in this matter.

Calendar

We have amended a few items so please keep the calendar for your records. We will inform you of any additional items, should these arise, in separate letters with plenty of notice. A copy of this has been sent home with your eldest child in school.

I will continue to write every fortnight rather than weekly unless there are specific or urgent items. Please keep checking your app and emails for any communication during each week. That's all from me for now, so have a good weekend whatever you are doing!

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth

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Calendar of events – Autumn 2022

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 30 th September	Star Assembly	
Friday 7 th October	Reception/Y1 Reading/Phonics parent meeting in hall 2:30 pm Cake sale in playground 3.30 pm	Please send your form back by Wednesday 5 th October
Tuesday 11 th October	Beacon School Support Parent/carer workshop 2 – 3pm in hall.	
Friday 14 th October	Star Assembly Sweet sale in playground 3.30 pm	Fundraising
Wednesday 19 th October	Parent/carer consultations - phone calls	For those parents /carers who are unable to come into school – letter will be sent
Thursday 20 th October	Parent/carer consultations – face to face	For those who are able to come into school and meet their children's class teacher(s) – letter will be sent
Friday 21 st October	Y5 Harvest Assembly – 9.00 am Autumn disco after school in hall	Parents and carers welcome. Letter to follow - fundraising
Half – term holiday: Monday 23rd - Friday 28th October		
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school Y5 Play leader training	Mr Miller-Evans will be taking a group of children in the minibus to receive this training. A consent letter will follow before half term break.
Friday 4 th November	Open morning – 9.30 – 12.00 for parents/carers looking for a reception school place in 2023 Uniform swap shop – playground or hall No money required.	Please spread the word if you know of any friends or neighbours who are thinking of sending their child to the school in 2023.
Friday 11 th November	Star Assembly Read and Relax in school 3.30 – 4.30 pm	Fundraising
Monday 14 th November	Anti-bullying week begins	
Thursday 17 th November	School photos	Letter will be sent
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Day Spotty sale in school	Children to wear spotty clothing/non- uniform. £1 contribution per child for Children in Need. Fundraising
Friday 25 th November	Star Assembly Biscuit sale in school playground	Fundraising
Thursday 1 st December	Reception Christmas workshops am and pm	Letter will be sent
Friday 2 nd December	Pizza sale in school playground	Fundraising
Monday 5 th - Thursday 8 th December	Christmas gift sale in school	Fundraising
Friday 9 th December	Star Assembly Christmas Fayre Christmas Jumper Day	Letter will be sent
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas lunch day	To be booked on the app
Thursday 15 th December	Choir to sing at St. Martin's in the Bullring - evening	Letter to follow
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term Christmas celebration Class Christmas parties	Non - uniform: party clothes Parents/carers welcome: details to be sent by letter £1 contribution requested - school will provide food and drink
Christmas Holiday: Monday 19 th December – Tuesday 3 rd January Return to school: Wednesday 4 th January		

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