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31st October, 2022.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Just a few updates and reminders as we welcome everyone back for the second half term.

Roof updates

The work has well and truly begun and the leaking dining hall roof is the first phase of the development. This is expected to take at least another 4 weeks. Having sorted the teething troubles with the reduced dining area today, we are happy to be able to resume the hot meals from tomorrow.

We have made the decision to run the breakfast and after school clubs in the old Year 2 classroom for the next few weeks. We expect this will be for around 4 weeks but will keep you updated. You will need to drop and collect children directly to and from the classroom. The children should be able to help you find the classroom; it is the first white door as you approach school from Brockworth Road in the fenced area of the playground. If you are unsure, please ring and we will explain how to find it.

Playground area

Over the half term break, the path from Brockworth Road has been resurfaced. As I wrote to you before half term, the remainder of the playground will be resurfaced in the Easter holiday. Until then we have sectioned off a small part where there was damage caused to the surface near the new trim trail. We are also keeping the children well away from this end of the playground during playtime due to this damage and also the presence of scaffolding

Clubs

These are starting this week, with the exception of the science club which has had to be postponed until next week as Mrs Calbreath is on a training event. Those of you whose children were in science, drama or computing club have received a letter about the change in children for second half term. All other clubs remain the same. Please remember that science club, when it restarts next week is an additional £1 per week to cover resources.

Poppies

Poppies go on sale from tomorrow – 20p each and £1 for other items: wristbands and plastic poppies which can be clipped to bags/coats or used as a key fob. The

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'slap bands' will be available on the last day only – 11th November, as they are very distracting in school as you can imagine!

Uniform swap

This will take place on Friday straight after school and is free of charge. It will be in the school hall and you can come and take anything you need for your children. We will also be pleased to receive donations of uniform that your child has outgrown.

Donations for the Christmas Fayre

It seems a long way off but whenever you have a clear out at home, please send in anything that could be used for the tombola, raffles etc – toys, games, toiletries etc.

Read and relax

Just a reminder that this will take place next Friday in school from 3.30 – 4.30 pm as part of the fundraising drive. Further details to follow.

Persistent absence

On a half- termly basis we analyse the attendance data as it is our statutory duty to ensure children's attendance remains high. Unfortunately, we have several children whose attendance is already falling short of 90% - the percentage at which a child is considered to be displaying 'persistent absence.' There are often valid reasons for this early on as your child may have been too ill to attend school and the attendance often picks up after this. However, we feel it is important for all affected families to receive notification of their child's attendance percentage where it has fallen short of the 90% threshold and so you should expect to receive a letter from the school so that you are aware of the need for attendance to improve. Related to this, as you know, 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.

That's it for now – please keep checking the app and emails for any further notices this week.

Kind regards,

Barbara Butterworth

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