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14th November

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Happy Diwali to families that celebrated at the weekend. It was great to see so many families attending the Lower School Diwali assembly last week.

This week it is Anti-Bullying Week and we started off with an assembly on this topic. A reminder also that it is Children in Need on Friday.

I am also attaching dates for the rest of the academic year to support with forward planning. Please note that I am in communication with Palmer Park to confirm the Key Stage 2 Sports Day date as the date I originally requested (Friday 5th July) is unavailable. Once the new date is confirmed, then I will let you know.

Next week is Road Safety Week and the theme this year is speed. To support with the safety of the community, I would like to remind families not to drive around the back of the shops to drop off their child.

Read, Write, Inc Parent Training Video

Due to technical issues, the parent training video for this will now be sent out towards the end of the week rather than today as originally advertised.

Children in Need: Friday 17th November

We will once again be supporting Children in Need this year. Children may come into school wearing non-uniform or dotty clothes if they wish to do so. Please could donations be made to Children in Need directly via the link below:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Named Items

Please could you ensure that all items of clothing are named. Stikins are an easy way to do this and can they be ordered via the link below:

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Get help with the cost of living advice from Wokingham

The [Household Support Fund](#) can help you pay for food, energy, bills and other essentials. It's open to:

- Families where [children receive means-tested free school meals can get £20 per week](#) during the school holidays until Easter 2024
- [Anyone struggling to pay bills or buy food can apply for £240 or £120](#) depending on the size of their household



If you've already applied for the Household Support Fund you do not need to apply again.

Other cost of living help options

There's a range of help and support options you can use to help you this winter:

- Check the [cost of living help hub](#), including our guides
 - [Help for people with children](#)
 - [Help for single people](#)
 - [Help for pensioners](#)
 - [Help if you're in an emergency](#)
- SHARE Wokingham offers fresh produce, like bread and vegetables, for those who need it. These are surplus stock from local supermarkets. More than 2,000 people use it each week and it has saved more than 1,000 tonnes in food waste since it was launched a few years ago. [View the food map](#) to see SHARE's 15 locations and find your nearest.
- Follow these [top tips for households](#) on how to lower your energy bills this winter. Or you can try:
 - The [council's new home energy advice](#) service to see how to lower your bills
 - See if you're eligible [Great British Insulation Scheme](#) is offering free or cheaper insulation to reduce your home's energy bills
 - [Check if your home is eligible](#) for a Heat Pump Grant a part of the Boiler Upgrade Scheme - up to £7,500 on offer towards the costs
- We're encouraging people to [register with power, water and gas suppliers](#) if they are potentially vulnerable this winter. These are known as priority services, which mean you get help faster if you are cut off or additional warnings if there are outages like loss of water pressure or power cuts
- The [Winter Warmers scheme](#) can help you get free items, if you're struggling with the cost of living. This includes things like air fryers, slow cookers, heated airers and more. These will lower your energy usage and bills
- Contact Citizens Advice, Wokingham, to find the most appropriate support for your situation. Use the [online referral form](#) or call [0808 278 7958](#), Monday to Friday.

Events List: Autumn

Please find key dates for the Autumn term below:

Date (Time)	Event
Week beginning 13 th November	Anti-bullying Week (wear odd socks on the 13 th)
Tuesday 14 th November	Read, Write, Inc Parent Workshop
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Week beginning 20 th November	Road Safety Week
Monday 20 th November	Foundation Stage to Maiden Erlegh Lake
Thursday 23 rd Nov	Cross Country race at Light water
Week beginning 27 th November	Parent Evenings
Thursday 30 th November	R.E. Inspired Lower School
Tuesday 5 th December	US trip to Buster Ancient Farms

Thursday 7 th December	R.E. Inspired Middle School
Thursday 7 th December (9:15am and 2:15pm)	Lower School Christmas Assembly
Friday 8 th December (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Monday 11 th December	US online session about the House of Lords
Monday 11 th December	R.E. Inspired Foundation Stage
Monday 11 th December (3:30pm-4pm)	Topic Visits to Classes
Monday 11 th December (2pm)	Foundation Stage to parents
Tuesday 12 th December (2pm)	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th December	Pantomime
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents

Events List: Spring

Date (Time)	Event
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day
Friday 5 th January	Spelling Bee word lists out
Friday 5 th January (9:30am)	Prospective Parent Tour
Week beginning 8 th January	Team Newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Monday 29 th January	Chinese New Year Assembly
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC Number Day (dress as a number in return for £1 donation to NSPCC)
Week beginning 5 th February	Mental Health Week
Week beginning 5 th February	Spelling Bee Finals
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Week beginning 12 th February	Half Term
Week 19 th February	Bike-ability week
Thursday 22 nd February	RE Inspired Foundation Stage
Thursday 22 nd February	PTA Disco

Tuesday 27 th February	AM/PM visits to Reading Museum (Upper School)
Wednesday 28 th February	AM visit to Reading Museum (Upper School)
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (Children can come in dressed as a book character)
Week beginning 11 th March	Neuro-Diversity Celebration Week
Thursday 14 th March	R.E. Inspired Lower School
Week beginning 11 th March	Parents evening
Tuesday 26 th March (3:30pm-4pm)	Topic Celebrations
Wednesday 27 th March	Foundation Stage Easter Performance
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents

Events List: Summer

Date (Time)	Event
Monday 15 th April	Children Return to School
Week beginning 22 nd April	Team newsletters out alongside knowledge organisers
Monday 22 nd April	R.E. Inspired Foundation Stage
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 10 th May	Middle School Maypole Dancing
Week beginning 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Monday 20 th May	Class Photographs
Week beginning 20 th May	Multiplication Championship
Thursday 23 rd May	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Thursday 23 rd May	PTA Disco
Friday 24 th May	Cultural Diversity Day
Week beginning 27 th May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day
Week beginning 3 rd June	Y6 at Little Canada
Monday 3 rd to Friday 14 th	Y4 Times Table Check Window

Monday 10 th to Friday 14 th June	Y1 Phonics and Y2 Phonics Retakes Window
Wednesday 12 th June	New EYFS Parent Meeting
Friday 14 th June	Liberty Day
Saturday 15 th June	PTA Try a Tri
Wednesday 19 th June	FS Summer Trip
Thursday 20 th June	R.E. Inspired Upper School
Friday 28 th June	Middle School Eid Assembly
Week beginning 1 st July	Sports Week
Monday 1 st July (AM)	Middle School Cross Country
Monday 1 st July (1:45pm)	Upper School Swimming Gala
Tuesday 2 nd July	District Sports (selected children)
Wednesday 3 rd July (9:15am)	Foundation Stage and Lower School Sports Day
Wednesday 3 rd July (11am)	Upper School Cross Country
Wednesday 3 rd July (1:45pm)	Middle School Swimming Gala
Thursday 4 th July (11am)	Middle School Cross Country
Friday 5th July (9:40am Start)-NOT ON THIS DATE- NEW DATE BEING SOUGHT	Middle and Upper School Sports Day at Palmer Park (To be confirmed)
Monday 8 th July	Transition Morning (whole morning)
Monday 8 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Foundation and Lower School- dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th July (2pm)	Upper School Production to Middle School - technical performance
Wednesday 10 th July (3:30-4pm)	Topic Visits
Wednesday 10 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Thursday 11 th July (7pm)	Upper School Production to Families
Friday 12 th July	PTA Happy Circus
Monday 15 th July	Reports Out to Parents
Tuesday 16 th July	Curriculum and Safeguarding Committee
Monday 22 nd July	Y6 Leavers Celebration-Pool Party
Tuesday 23 rd July (AM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Children

Tuesday 23 rd July (PM)	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Parents
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder
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