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3rd October

Dear Parent/ Carer,

It has certainly been a busy first month back at school. The children have settled into their new classes really well and have become familiar with their new routines. Next week, we will have the first PTA activities of the year with the PTA AGM on Monday 9th October, followed by the Diwali Fayre on Friday 13th October after school. The following Thursday (19th) will be the first disco of the year. All parents and cares are by default members of the PTA and the PTA always welcome to attend meetings and become involved in the events being offered. The PTA raises vital funds for the school and they will always welcome additional people to support with all the activities on offer.

School Dinner Menu Selection

Please could families remember to pre-order school dinners in advance using the Scopay app. The kitchen cooks what has been ordered in order to eliminate food waste. On Monday, we had 25 children across the school that had not had lunch ordered for them.

School Photographs

The School Photographer will be in school on Monday 9th October to take individual photographs of the children. They will be doing sibling photographs before school.

World Homeless Day: 10th October

We will once again be running a non-uniform day to raise funds for local homeless charities on Tuesday 10th October. A donation of a minimum of £1 can be made directly to one of the two charities below:

New Beginnings

<https://www.newbeginningsreading.org/donate>

CIRDIC

<https://www.cirdic.org.uk/donation.html>

Evidence Me Parent Workshop: 10th October (4pm)

Evidence Me is used in EYFS to capture the learning that your child makes in Foundation Stage. There is a workshop taking place on Teams next Tuesday at 4pm. A separate letter has been sent out regarding this.

Harvest Festival

This is taking place on Thursday 12th October and food is to be left in the hall. We will once again be donating the food to CIRDIC. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Accelerated Reader Parent Training: 17th October

After children have completed the Read, Write, Inc scheme for phonics (which usually takes place in Y2), children move onto the Accelerated Reader scheme. Accelerated Reader is then used throughout Key Stage 2. It works by children completing a reading test online, which then provides children with a zone of proximal development (ZPD). Children then choose their books from the decimal number range. Once the children have completed their book, they complete a comprehension quiz online and



the results are then made available to the teacher. This training will be a recording made by Mrs Dunn and will be sent out via email that day. Therefore, if your child is not yet on the scheme, but joins it later in Y2, then you can refer to it then.

Events List: Autumn

Please find key dates for the Autumn term below:

| Date (Time) | Event |
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| Monday 9 th October | School Photographs |
| Monday 9 th October (assembly) and Tuesday 10 th (non-uniform) | World Homeless Day (assembly to raise awareness and non- uniform day to raise funds for local charities) |
| Tuesday 10 th October | Evidence Me Parent Workshop |
| Thursday 12 th October | Harvest Festival Collection (please bring in cans and dry food for re-distribution) |
| Friday 13 th October | PTA Diwali Fayre |
| Tuesday 17 th October (9:30am) | Prospective Parent Tour |
| Tuesday 17 th October | Accelerated Reader Parent Workshop |
| Thursday 19 th October | R.E. Inspired Upper School |
| Thursday 19 th October | Lower School trip to Windsor Castle |
| Thursday 19 th October | PTA Disco |
| Week beginning 23 rd October | Half Term |
| Monday 30 th October | INSET Day (No pupils in school) |
| Tuesday 31 st October | US Science Dome visit |
| Tuesday 31 st October, 1 st November and 2 nd November | Middle School visits to Reading Museum |
| Thursday 2 nd Nov | Cross country Race at Bluecoat school |
| Thursday 9 th November (2:30pm) | Lower School Diwali Assembly |
| Friday 10 th November | Remembrance Day |
| Friday 10 th November | Flu Jabs |
| 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 |

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| Week beginning 20 th November | Road Safety Week |
| 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 |
| Friday 15 th December | Last Day of Term Progress reports to parents |

Yours Sincerely,



Mark Wieder
Headteacher