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Dear Parent/ Carer,

First of all, I would like to thank Mrs Culham for standing in for me last week whilst I was unwell. It was great to be back yesterday and I was glad to hear that the children enjoyed the National Fitness Day activities last week.

Website Update

Due to the ongoing issues with our website since the mobile site upgrade, we have commissioned another company to re-build our website and we will be looking to relaunch it on the new platform as soon as possible. The key information has now been restored to the current website during this interim period.

Maiden Erlegh Drive

A reminder that Maiden Erlegh Drive is a private road and should not be used by cars to drop off and collect children. I have had reports from a local resident that cars have been seen dropping children off at Aldryngton, blocking trade vehicles and reversing in resident's driveways.

Parent Communications

Parents have noticed that they are receiving emails directly to their email accounts rather than through the ParentMail App. Last year, we migrated to a new management information system (Arbor). This new system ensures it offers the same functionality as ParentMail and during this academic year, we will be looking to end our ParentMail contract. As part of the transition, we have started to just send all communication through Arbor which means it will go directly to your emails. We are getting ready to launch the Arbor Parent Portal later this year (the equivalent to the ParentMail app). The ParentMail app is still being used for some of this terms trips and also permissions to collect children so it's important that you still keep this app for now. It is recommended that you add the school email address to your email contacts to ensure that school emails do not end up in junk folders during this period.

Data collections sheets

50 parents have still not returned their data collection sheet to the office, those that haven't were sent home with another form yesterday. Please could these be returned to the office urgently as we are trying to make sure that all data is correct and up-to-date before we launch the Arbor Parent Portal.

Voluntary Contributions for Trips/ Visits

I appreciate that these are tricky financial times and we will continue to support families that are struggling with voluntary contributions for trips/visits. However, if the school does not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, then we will have to review the viability of running the trip/ visit.

Only 25/90 families have contributed to the recent Upper School online Reading Museum workshop, which leaves the school out of pocket. If you haven't already paid the voluntary contribution and are able to do so, then please do this as soon as possible.



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>

Harvest Festival

This is taking place on Thursday 12th October further information will be sent out shortly regarding donations.

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. The office will be sending more details out about this shortly.

School Census Day

This is on Thursday 5th October. There has been a change to the dinner menu on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th, so any parents who have pre-ordered for these days please check you are still happy with their choices for these days.

Please find Autumn term events list anything new has been highlighted in Yellow.

Date (Time)	Event
Thursday 5 th October	Middle School R.E. Inspired
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 13th 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
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 5th 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 11th 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