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October Newsletter

Dear Parents

Since I became Headteacher, a priority of mine has been to enrich our pupils' cultural capital and one of the ways we have done this is by ensuring that every half-term each class has a visit somewhere out of school or a special visitor who comes in. Your children visit museums like Weaver Hall, Norton Priory or the Boat Museum, we go to the Ellesmere Port Library, walk to the Rivacre Valley Nature Reserve, visit churches like St Johns, enjoy local area fieldwork in geography, visit places of local interest like Port Sunlight, Whitby Park, the River Dee or Eastham Woods and we take part in exciting residential trips to places like Anglesey or Burwardsley. Occasionally, we have special visitors who come into school to enrich the curriculum and run workshops like Bikeability, the Ellesmere Port Lantern Workshop and Parade, URENCO, NSPCC and police workshops, and we enjoy masterclasses to prepare for dance festivals at the Civic Hall. Every Christmas we look forward to a panto in the school hall – this December it will be Aladdin.

To enrich the children's experiences even more, I have been delighted to introduce a new range of clubs taking place after school and it has been lovely to see so many children signing up so far this half-term. The clubs take place from 3:15 to 4:15 and are free or with a small charge. There will be different clubs throughout the year. I am very grateful to the staff and governors at the school who have volunteered to give up their time and run a club at the end of the busy school day. As you are all aware, the after-school childcare provision run by Vara Sports has ended due to a lack of demand. I am sorry that this has caused issues for the small number of parents who relied on this service and I wish that it could have continued. But, as with Mrs Lockhart's Kidz Club, Vara is a private business and was running at a considerable loss even after a few weeks due to the low numbers of children attending. I am delighted to see that our **free** Breakfast Club in the morning is absolutely thriving however.

We will be holding Parents' Evening in the final week of this half-term, w/c 19th October and you will receive a letter inviting you to an appointment (in person or over the phone) in the next few days.

Our Y6 pupils would like to invite their families in to school on the morning of Thursday 22nd October for their Class Assembly at 9:15am and we look forward to seeing you then.

We break up for the half-term holiday at 3:15pm (3pm for Nursery) on **Friday 23rd October** and children return to school on **Monday 2nd November** at 8:45am (9am for Nursery).

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme
Headteacher

