Welcome back, everyone! We've kicked off the term with a bang—our spooky disco was a fantastic start, filled with some truly elaborate and scary costumes that wowed us all! As we move through the weeks ahead, we have lots to look forward to: next week we'll focus on important themes like anti-bullying and Odd Socks Day, alongside remembering Remembrance Day. We're also excited to be raising money for Children in Need, supporting a great cause together. After that, it's full steam ahead as we start preparing for Christmas! Don't forget to check out the "Looking Ahead" dates, where we've added all the key Christmas performances and special events so you can plan ahead. It's going to be an exciting term!

Important Messages:

Morning entry - Year 1: From Monday, please can Year 1 children be dropped off at their classroom doors. Now that the scaffolding has been removed, we can begin to move back to some of our normal routines.

Advanced Notice: For two weeks week beginning 17th Nov and 24th Nov, our Car Park will be closed to parents and staff during the school day. Portakabin will be removing the temporary classrooms. Breakfast and after-school parking will be on the gravel at the top of the driveway. Please be extra vigilant as there will be heavy machinery on site. Please be courteous with your parking in the community.

Appropriate coats and clothing- This week, some children have unfortunately been unable to go outside whilst it was raining due to not having an appropriate waterproof coat. Please ensure that children come to school equipped for our wonderful winter weather. We have a large number of coats in our lost property bins. These will be on display at the front of the building next week, when it is dry for you to collect!

Attendance- Reminder that school starts at 8.45 and registers are taken promptly at 9.00am. A child is then registered as late between 9am and 9.15 and late after registers after 9.15am which is an unauthorised absence for the session. Please make sure that your children are in school for 8:45 ready to start the school day.

The week ahead:

Anti-bullying week- We are proud to be a certified anti-bullying school and next week will be celebrating anti-bullying week. To kick this off, we would invite all children to wear odd socks on Monday to celebrate. See the attached poster.

Tune in and save the date: **Remembrance Service:** Year 6 will be leading our Remembrance Assembly this year. It will take place on Tuesday, 11th November at 10:30 a.m. We will be broadcasting this live on our Facebook page. Please join us via Facebook if you can.

Children in Need 2025 on Friday 14th November

For Children in Need this year our theme is 'Out of this World'. Children can come to school dressed up in space themed outfits for a donation to Children in Need. To help with our fundraising, we have some teachers who have got lost in space and will be dunked in alien goo! We will be collecting all donations in school.
You may have seen from the local newspaper, that we will also be supporting a Gerard McCarten on their fundraising journey and cheering him on as he finishes his cycle of the highest mountain in the universe.

School Book Fair

It's that time of year again! On the week commencing **Monday 10th November**, we will be holding our Autumn Book Fair in the school hall **Monday – Thursday** both before and after school. Scholastic deliver us three shelves on books – including golden oldies and brand new titles. There are always great offers and bundles to be had – so come along and get yourself a bargain! As always, our school library benefits from parents' purchases, with 40% of all sales being given for us to spend on new books in school. Once again, this will be **cashless – so please bring a smart phone** to enable you to scan the QR code to pay online through the link. I will also be sending a link after half term for parents to purchase gift vouchers for their children to spend, as this has worked well in the past.

Christmas is coming:

Save the date: 5th December - Christmas Decoration Day. On Friday, 5th December in the afternoon, we will start our formal Christmas countdown in at school. We will be putting up our decorations, and each class will be busy making gifts, cards and decorations. We would love as many of you to attend, and we will be opening our doors to parents and carers from 1:45 until 3:15 p.m.

Christmas Hampers: We will be writing to you next week to ask for donations for our Christmas Coloured Hamper Raffle. Please keep an eye on Arbor next week for your classes information.

Christmas Theatre Trips: Our children will be attending either Rosehill or Theatre by the Lake for a Christmas Treat to see live theatre performances. Please keep a look out on Arbor next week as we release the information for this.

Golden Work

Rex in Year 1 - for creating a superb computerised self-portrait.
Noah in Year 3 – for fantastic column subtraction with exchanging
All of Year 6 have produced some wonderful emotive poetry – well done Year 6!
Tommy in year 3 for his superb cutting skills in DT.
Poppy in year 4 for her wonderful Autumn poetry
Thea in year 2 for her superb science work.

Looking ahead:

10th November - Odd socks day in school
Wc 10th November- anti-bullying week
Wc 10th Nov - Book fair in school.
12th/13th November- Nursery play and stay and harvest soup- More details to follow
14th November – Children in Need
26th Nov - 6W Rum Story Visit
28th Nov - 6H Rum Story Visit
3rd Dec- Years 3,4,5,6 to see Wizard of Oz
Thursday 4th Dec- Nursery decoration day-more details to follow
Friday 5th Dec- Christmas decoration afternoon and fayre- Reception to year 6
WC 8th Dec- Christmas performances
Monday- Y3, Tuesday- Y4, Wednesday- Y5, Thursday- Y6 at St Johns Church @ 4.00pm
11th Dec- Reception/Year 1/Year 2- Rosehill visit
12th Dec- Christmas dinner and jumper day
19th December- School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm
7th Jan - School reopens after the Christmas Break.

Christmas Performances at School in the Hall:

Monday 8th December : *Year 2* Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m**.

Tuesday 9th December: *Year 1* Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m**.

Friday 12th December: *Reception* Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m**.

Christmas Performances at St John's Church:

Monday 8th December: ***Year 3*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m**.

Tuesday 9th December: ***Year 4*** **C**hristmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m**.

Wednesday 10th December: ***Year 5*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m**.

Thursday 11th December: ***Year 6*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m**

Nursery Christmas information to follow.

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