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## Educational Visits

It has been brilliant being able to get the children out and about on visits and sporting events again. Our children have really enjoyed our visits to the Museum of Military Life and the Basic Moves Festival this week. They get so much from these out of school experiences. The children have also been complemented on their impeccable behaviour and just how lovely they are. We are really proud of them.

Our younger children will be heading out for an exciting visit to Leighton Hall next week too. It is great to have a little bit of normality and exciting things to look forward to in the future. Covid gives us an extra layer of planning and there remains the risk that we will have to cancel a visit at the last minute. Fingers crossed we can keep getting out and about.



We are also going ahead with plans to put on live Nativity performances! We will have to put some measures in place but again fingers crossed it can go ahead as planned. All of our children are expected to be at the evening performance, if you know your child will not be there then please let us know ASAP so we can cast everyone appropriately.

To give us the best chance of these plans going ahead, please keep being vigilant for any illness, carry out regular LFD tests and do not hesitate to book a PCR test for any household members who have Covid symptoms.

## Boxes of Hope

Thank you to everyone who donated a Box Of Hope, we were able to donate 21 boxes which have been very gratefully received. These have now been collected and are on the first step of their journey to children in Romania.



## Primary School Admissions

For children due to start school in Reception in September 2022 applications for school places close on 15th January 2022.



Unfortunately, we haven't been able to hold our usual Autumn Open Day but any prospective parents are very welcome to arrange a visit. Just get in contact with the school office to arrange a visit to see us in action.

## FOOS AGM

FOOS will be holding their AGM on Thursday 2nd December in the school hall at 6.30pm. All parents and carers are automatically members of FOOS! FOOS really need some more committee members to help continue their great work, many hands make light work. Please come along to the AGM, you will have a warm welcome and will not be pressured into taking on anything.

## Plant Pots for Spring Bulbs

We have had a very generous donation of Daffodil and Tulip bulbs that we are planning to plant for the Spring Farmers Market. We now need lots of 1-2 litre plant pots. If you or anyone you know has any 1-2litre plant pots that they would be happy to donate please bring them to school.



## Pupil Premium

Did you know that some children / families qualify for Free School Meals and extra funding into school? It is important that if you qualify you claim as we can use this extra funding to support your children. Accompanying this newsletter is a document listing the qualifying criteria and how to apply. If you need any more information or help applying just ask Mrs Pomfret or Mrs Percival in complete confidence.

Thank you for supporting Breast Cancer Now on Pink Day. We raised £123.25 for the charity which is very close to the hearts of our school.



# Diary Dates



All diary dates are subject to last minute change. More details will follow near the time.

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| 19.11.21        | Children in Need—Dress in spots                      |
| 19.11.21        | 2.50pm Stars   |
| 20.11.21        | 7-8.30pm Families Together—The Big Quiz Night        |
| 26.11.21        | Class 1 & 2 visit to Leighton Hall                   |
| 1.12.21         | Key Stage 2 Tri Golf Competition                     |
| 2.12.21         | 6.30pm FOOS AGM in school hall—All welcome           |
| 4.12.21         | All Saints's Christmas Fayre                         |
| 7.12.21         | 2pm & 6pm Nativity—fingers crossed this can go ahead |
| 8.12.21         | 2pm Nativity—fingers crossed this can go ahead       |
| 9.12.21         | Class 3 Curriculum Church Visit                      |
| 10.12.21        | Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch               |
| 11.12.21        | Children singing at the Farmers Market               |
| 14.12.21        | KS2 Singing at Westmorland—TBC                       |
| 14.12.21        | 6.30pm All Saints Christingle Service                |
| 15.12.21        | Christmas Party Day                                  |
| 16.12.21        | Whole School Cinderella Panto—Sands Centre           |
| 17.12.21        | End of Term  |
| 5.1.22          | Start of Spring Term                                 |
| 29.1.22         | 4-5pm Rotary Swimmathon                              |
| 9.2.22          | Young Voices   |
| 30.3.22—1.4.22  | Class 3 Residential to Langdale                      |
| 20.6.22—24.6.22 | Class 4 Residential to IOM                           |