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NEWSLETTER NO. 7

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

Welcome back to the new term! I hope that you were all able to have a restful holiday and are ready for the busy term ahead!

This week, the children have been involved in wheelchair Basketball on Wednesday – this was a wonderful opportunity to develop new skills for the pupils and an opportunity to try a new sport.

Our School Value this term is Generosity – We started thinking about this on Monday in our school worship. It has been wonderful to see how generous the pupils and families of our school have been so far during my time here – we are already starting to make a lovely collection of Christmas Shoe Boxes for Bulgaria. The deadline for these being delivered to the school is Wednesday 22nd November.

Today is our FAWGS fireworks event. I look forward to seeing many of you there. If you are having your own fireworks event, please remember the firework code:

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

I look forward to seeing everyone safely back in school on Monday morning!



Act of Remembrance Friday 10th November

Our Act of Remembrance this year will be led by Koalas' Class, starting at 10.40 am in the school hall. All parents, grandparents etc are welcome to share this special time with us – but particularly those of you attached to a Year 6 Koala. Do come if you can. Poppies and associated merchandise continue to be sold in school next week.

Parent/Teacher consultations – Wednesday 15th November

We will be sending out details regarding the Parent/Teacher consultations next Monday 6th November.

School photographs

I hope you are happy with the photographs that Cardwell and Simons retook recently. The deadline for orders to be back in school is Monday 13th November. If you originally submitted an order the first time please let us know which photographs you prefer. Thank you.



After school Story Club for Owls, Year 1 & Year 2

From Tuesday 14th November, one of our Year 6 pupils has offered to run an after school Story Club for our younger pupils. The club will be under the supervision of school staff. The club will run from 3:15-4:00 pm. We are limiting numbers to 6 pupils, so please could you let your child's class teacher know ASAP if you would like your son/daughter to attend.

Awards

Congratulations to Owls: **MB, JM, JP, AR** and **HS**; Elephants: **ID, AG, MK, HP, BP** and **ER** and to Penguins: **JB, CB, ND, MG, OM, LM, EP** and **JS** on gaining their "25 Home Reads" Certificate and to Owls: **BB** and **NL**; Elephants: **EH** and **AO** and to Penguins: **GC, RJ, IP** and **IS** on gaining their "50 Home Reads" Certificate. Well done!



Flu vaccinations

For children in Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4, Flu immunisation will take place in school on Friday 17th November.



Children in Need

Children in Need Day is Friday 17th November. Help us raise money for this special day by bringing in pennies to pile on Pudsey. Children can bring in a bear to school for the day and Pudsey ears can be worn but with full school uniform please. There will also be a special menu to celebrate the day:

Grizzlies favourite
(Baked fish fingers with chipped potatoes)
or
Paddington's parcel
(Cheese and potato pastry)
and
Little bear's pillow
(mashed potato)
with
Bear necessities
(baked beans or garden peas and sweetcorn and salad)
Pudsey's pudding
(Bear biscuit and ice cream)
Fresh fruit

Priced as normal at £2.50 for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and free for Years R, 1 and 2.

Trussell Trust Shoeboxes

If you have some free time over the half term perhaps you could think about filling your shoeboxes ready to bring in when we return from the holiday. The deadline is Wednesday 22nd November. Last year you donated 58 boxes and it would be brilliant to beat that number this year.



FAWGS News



We are all very excited about our Firework Spectacular happening tonight which is now SOLD OUT! Gates open at 6pm. Please do not bring any of your own fireworks or sparklers onto the site for health and safety reasons. There will be food, drinks and glow toys available to buy if you would like to bring some extra pennies!

Hopefully everyone has received their Christmas card order forms home in their book bags. Please return to school as soon as possible so we can get the 'early-bird' discount and therefore raise more money for our school.

Please also remember to return your Helping Hands gloves by Monday 6th November so we can count up the pennies in there as soon as possible to decide on a treat for the whole school!

New dates for your diaries:

Friday 24th November will be a non-uniform day, please bring in donations of chocolate or bottles for the tombola at the Christmas Bazaar. Please also come and support us at the Bazaar on Saturday 25th November in the village hall.

Saturday 3rd February – come along and challenge yourselves at our FAWGS Quiz Night! More details in the new year.

Diary Dates – new dates underlined

November

Friday 3 rd	FAWGS Fireworks Spectacular
Monday 6 th -	Year 5 to Braeside
Wednesday 8 th	
<u>Friday 10th</u>	<u>10:40 am Remembrance Service</u>
<u>Friday 17th</u>	<u>YR. 1, 2, 3 & 4 Flu immunisation</u>
	<u>Children in Need Day</u>
Saturday 25 th	Xmas Bazaar
Thursday 30 th	Year 3 to Roman Baths, Bath – letter to follow

December

Friday 8 th	FAWGS Winter Disco
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th	1:45 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 21 st -	
Wednesday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 2018

Thursday 4th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

March 2018

Thursday 29th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

June 2018

Monday 25th TD Day NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe
Head Teacher