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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half-term break and I hope you had a good holiday and enjoyed the mild weather. Now we are back in full swing ready for the lead-up to Christmas!

This Christmas the children will be performing in a nativity play called "A Present for the Baby". More information on how you can help support us by providing costumes for the production and practising scripts at home with those children with speaking parts will follow shortly.

School Council

Our new School Council representatives met just before the end of half-term and talked about their ideas to improve our school. They had some fantastic ideas and they went back to their classes to share them with their peers and asked for their ideas too! The main focus was how could they improve the playground? The next step is to share an 'ideas board' with the whole school and enable the children to show their preferences about new equipment and playground design. Watch this space - I think we are going to have some lovely surprises this half-term and into the spring term wait and see!

School trips

This week the children in Foxes and Badgers have enjoyed going on their school trips to support their topic learning. On Wednesday Fox Class went to the Aquarium and enjoyed touching crabs, starfish and finding Nemo, and yesterday Badgers had the experience of visiting the Historic Naval Dockyard in Portsmouth. They returned with some gory tales of life on a ship in Nelson's day!

Cold weather

Please can we ask that all children bring coats and appropriate clothing to play outside at break times and lunchtimes? Even in light drizzle we would like to try and let the children have some fresh air under the canopies so it would be helpful if they had their coats to keep warm and dry.

PE clothing

For girls who are wearing tights at this time of year, can they also have a pair of socks to wear in PE please. Can you please also provide jogging bottoms for outdoor PE and shorts for indoor PE. In addition, it would be helpful if the children had a school fleece to keep warm when taking part in PE.

Parents' Evenings

We look forward to seeing you next week at our Parents' Evenings. This year we will have a new system where staff will ask you to sign a form at the end of your session to ensure that you have been given the appropriate information about your child's progress at this time of year.

Letter for all parents

An important letter is being sent home this afternoon. The letter will be in the children's book-bags at the end of the day so please look out for it. There are some additional meetings taking place next week and the following week, so please make a note of them in your diary.

I hope you will have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes
Gillian Morris

(Please see next page for this week's **Dates Box** and **News items**)

Dates Box:

Tues, 6 Nov	3.30 - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wed, 7 Nov	4.30 - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Mon, 12 Nov	"Children In Need" Week - further details to follow	
Tues, 13 Nov	2.15pm	Rabbit Class "Storytime" - all Yr R parents welcome - further details to follow
Wed, 14 Nov	2.15pm	Badger Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall - all Yr 2 parents welcome - further details to follow
Wed, 21 Nov	2.15pm	Fox Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall - all Yr 1 parents welcome - further details to follow
	7.00pm-8.30pm	Curriculum Workshop on Reading - further details to follow
Thurs, 22 Nov	from 8.30am	School Photographer - further details to follow
Fri, 30 Nov	3.00pm-5.00pm	PTA Christmas Fair - further details to follow
Tues, 11 Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Wed, 12 Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Thurs, 13 Dec	6.30pm	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Fri, 15 Dec	Children may arrive at school any time up to 10.00am	
Tues, 18 Dec	Christmas "Fun Day" - further details to follow	
Wed, 19 Dec	9.00am	Christingle Service - further details to follow
	2.00pm	Last day of Autumn Term - school closes for the Christmas break
Thurs, 03/01/19	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Fri, 04/01/19	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Mon, 07/01/19	8.30am	First day of Spring Term 2019

News items for this week:

Bel & The Dragon - please see their flyer, opposite, regarding Christmas Wreath Making workshops, which we have been asked to forward to everyone.

