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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. I am pleased the weather was good and that our children have enjoyed trick and treating and fire work displays. Next week we are holding our SEND parent evenings where you will have a chance to find out how your child is doing and review their support plan. EYFS are also hosting their stay and play sessions. This is always a special opportunity to spend some quality time with your child in their setting and they love to show you their favourite things.

Parent evening appointments for the rest of school are now available to book through the Eschools app. If you have any difficulties logging on, please speak to the school office. Parents’ evening are an excellent way of keeping in touch about your child’s educational journey.

Next Friday (15th) is Children In Need day. We do not ask for donations for this event, these can be made direct to the charity themselves. However, we do ask that children come in non-uniform and we host lots of activities throughout the day to promote the event.

**Primary and Secondary school places**

If your child requires a place in Reception for 2025, application closes on 15th January. Applications are made online.

If your child requires a place at Nursery (2 and 3 Year olds) this year or next, you can speak to the school office for an application form.

**School photographs**

We will be holding our annual school photograph day on Monday 18th November. This year, in an attempt to reduce the cost of purchasing photographs, we are using a new photographer Rose and Sons. They have an excellent reputation for good quality photos and a reasonable price so we look forward to seeing them all. As always, we will organise for all siblings in school to have photographs taken together. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we cannot include other family members.

**Flu immunisations.**

Where parents had given consent, children received a flu nasal vaccine this week. We have been advised that there are ‘catch up clinics’ held around the county if your child has not had one and you would like them to receive one. The details are as follows:

Monday 18th November Newton Aycliffe Family Hub, DL5 7DD 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Tuesday 19th November Stanley Family Hub, DH9 0AB 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Wednesday 20th November Durham Family Hub, DH1 2EY 3.30pm to 5.00pm

 Thursday 21st November Peterlee Family Hub, SR8 5NJ 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Tuesday 26th November Seaham Family Hub, SR7 7EU 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Thursday 28th November Tudhoe Family Hub, DL16 6EX 3.30pm to 5.00pm

**Community events**

St Andrew’s Church Winter Fair. Saturday 16th November 10.30am. There will be stalls, cakes, games, refreshments and even a visit from Santa. All proceeds support the work of the church in the community.

**Donations**

Thank you to everyone for their donations of coats, wellies and other clothing items. We now have enough supplies to last the winter and will not be collecting any more at the present time. However, local charity shops are requesting any donations that you may have, including good quality toys, in the lead up to Christmas.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch. If there is any information you believe is important to pass on about your child, staff are always available on the school yard, by email or you can make an appointment through the school office.

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher

**Upcoming diary dates**

Monday 11th November- school photograph day

Week beginning 11th November - SEND parents’ evenings

Monday 11th November – Reception Stay and Play sessions

Tuesday 12th November- Nursery Stay and Play sessions

Week beginning 18th November – Y1-Y6 parents’ evenings

Friday 15th November - Dress down day for Children In Need

Friday 22nd November – Dress down day - bring chocolate for the Christmas Fair Tombola.

Thursday 5th December - Movie night (3.15pm-5.30pm)

Friday 6th December - Dress down day - bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair Tombola.

Tuesday 10th December – Christmas Nativity

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Nativity

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Fair (3.30pm)

Monday 16th December - Class Christmas parties.

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Service at St Andrew’s Church (10am, parents welcome)

Friday 20th December - School finishes for Christmas break

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - School reopens