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Dear Parents/Carers,

Half term and the darker nights are fast approaching and it won’t be long before our clocks go back. There is even now talk of Christmas being quite close! Next week we will have the Fire Brigade in school talking to Year 5 and 6 children about Bonfire safety; we will also be talking to the rest of school about ‘Be Bright, Be Seen’ which ensures all children understand the importance of road safety as it gets darker. Please help reinforce these messages at home to help keep our children safe.

I would also like to remind parents that children do spend time outdoors, regardless of the weather, and therefore benefit from warm winter coats at this time of year. We have already seen early morning frosts and temperatures will definitely drop soon. Many children still come to school without coats but then say they are cold when outside. We do have a small supply of winter coats left over from our uniform event if any families would like to have a look through these. There are some lovely coats that could do with a new home.

**Parents’ evenings**

By early next week, if your child receives additional support in school, you will also receive a letter offering you a Parents’ Evening session during week beginning 11th November, to discuss their support plan. Nursery and Reception Stay and Play sessions will also take place this week and staff will be in contact regarding your appointment.

Parents’ Evenings for the rest of school will be held week beginning 18th November. These appointments are booked through Eschools and will open on Monday 4th November. Families will have two weeks to make an appointment. If you have any difficulties accessing the booking portal after the 4th November, please speak to the class teacher who will be able to help.

**Primary and Secondary school places**

A reminder that if your child requires a Year 7 place for September 2025, the closing date for applications is 31st October. If your child requires a place in Reception for 2025, application closes on 15th January. Applications are made online.

**Halloween Disco**

We have over 150 children who will be attending the Halloween disco next week and I know that the excitement will be building from Monday. We politely request that costumes are age appropriate and no weapons such as plastic knives or axes are brought into school. Our school kitchen will be helping to raise the excitement by decorating the kitchen and dressing up to match the Halloween theme.

**School building work**

Alongside Phase 3 of our roof and electrical work, we have been informed that further work will also now be undertaken. For a number of years, myself and governors have been in discussions with the Local Authority to try and get improvements made to the building. Hopefully, this will now take place across 2025-2026 with work to the drainage and pointing to ensure that our building remains warm and dry for years to come.

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**

Thursday 24th October – Halloween disco 3.15pm-4.15pm (R-Y2)

Thursday 24th October – Halloween disco 4:30-5:30pm (Y3-6)

Friday 25th October- School breaks up for half term

Monday 4th October - School reopens after half term

Wednesday 6th November - Flu immunisation (Reception-Year 6)

Thursday 7th November – Y5 reflection visit to church (children only)

Week beginning 11th November - SEND parents’ evenings (more details to follow)

Monday 11th November – Reception Stay and Play sessions (more details to follow)

Tuesday 12th November- Nursery Stay and Play sessions (more details to follow)

Week beginning 18th November – Y1-Y6 parents’ evenings (more details to follow)

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