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Harvest Festival

Thank you very much for all your generous donations of food. They were donated to the York Road Project, a very worthy cause. Thank you.

Welly Walk

The weather was great, a brisk sunny day, but at least it stayed dry! Thank you to all the parents who came along and walked with us on the day. All classes are now collecting the sponsorship money. Please could we have all money in by Thursday 8th November. Many thanks.

Open afternoons

Please remember to pop into the classroom after school on a Thursday to see your child's learning.

Helping in the classroom

Thank you so much to those of you who are coming in and helping, whether it is regular or irregular support, it is all appreciated. Please can you all to sign in at the office each time and read our Green information card. Many thanks

Parking

Please remember to park considerately during all events; we ask that you don't park in the pub car parks as they request that we leave them free for their patrons. The local car parks are for drop offs and pickups only; for clubs, Parent Conferences and Christmas performances we ask that you use local roads or walk.

Poppies

We will be sending Poppies round the classrooms every afternoon, if you would like your child to have a poppy please send a donation into school with your child.

As well as Poppies being available for the children to buy we also have some other merchandise available, which has been left with us by the British Legion (see attached flier).

If you wish to purchase any of these items we ask that you either visit the school office or make your request by email and then send payment in with your child, we will send the items home with them.

We will not be selling the products directly to the children as we are with the poppies, as whilst we have enough Poppies for each child there are not enough of these other items for everyone; and we are aware also that there are other financial pressures on families at this time of year, so we don't want to add another one.

We look forward to receiving your order or seeing you in the office should you wish to make a purchase.

On Monday 12th November we will be talking about Remembrance Day during Reflections; our assembly. It will be a remembrance of those who lost their lives in wars; and to show that they are remembered. This will be for all Year 1 and 2 children and some of Reception.

Uniform

Please remember that jogging bottoms are part of our school uniform and can be worn every day in school, particularly as it gets colder.

Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences will be held over the next two weeks. The daytime appointments are held in our conservatory, so please come to the school's **main entrance**. On the evening of **Thursday 8th November**, each teacher will be in their classroom. Again we ask you to use the **main entrance**. We hold Foxcubs Evening Parent Conferences in the conservatory.

During Parent Conferences you will have an opportunity to look at your child's learning over the past couple of months and see their targets/next steps.

Christmas Fair

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 1st December**. The PTA is always looking for new volunteers to run events and give up their time, so please contact them if you are able to help in any way. We would just like to thank all the PTA committee for donating so much of their time to running these events for the schools and for all our children.

Christmas Greenery

We are looking for some help on Monday 4th December at 9am to arrange Christmas greenery! Please let us know if you can help.

Christmas Performances

Yes, it is that time already! We try very hard to do very little about Christmas before December. We know how the children look forward to Christmas and the 25 days in December seem to take long enough to come round when you are young! ☺ However, we do begin to learn some Christmas songs and dances towards the end of November.

This year we will be performing in the school hall. As always, we are sure these performances will be very well attended. Please only come to one performance and if possible do not bring younger siblings. This makes the performances a more enjoyable experience for the whole audience and cast.

More details will follow in the December newsletter. However, the dates and times were sent to you in July and then again in September.

Christmas Performance Dates 2018

11th Christmas Performances 9.30 and 5.30pm (Rabbits, Badgers, Snowy Owls)

12th Christmas Performances 9.30 and 5.30pm (Foxcubs, Squirrels, Barn Owls)

13th Christmas Performances 9.30 and 5.30pm (Otters, Hedgehogs, Tawny Owls)

Governor Update

The Children and Learning Committee met last month and reviewed the Parent Survey from the Summer term, we will be sharing the outcomes with you shortly.

The National Phonics and Key Stage 1 data for 2017 -18 has just been published this week and we are pleased to see we continue to be above the National Average. Our website will be updated once this data had been validated by the DfE.

The funding you continue to provide the school with, is making a real difference allowing us to accrue funding to continue to fund TAs hours in the classroom and support moving teaching and learning forward with leadership time and training. Many thanks for your contributions.

Warmest wishes

Elaine Cooper