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Dear Parents

It's November!! I don't know what happened but time has flown and our Halloween day was 2 weeks ago already! Well, in the dates today you'll see the 'C' word as we race towards the next finishing line – this ½ term will fly!

This week in our Collective Worship, we've been focusing on 'Belonging' – to our family, community, school family, global community and God's family. Next week we'll be focusing on Remembrance as Poppy day approaches.

MRS ASHCROFT

Please can we ask that you keep Mrs Ashcroft in your thoughts and prayers this week. Her father passed away on Tuesday in very difficult circumstances. She has been caring for both her parents for many months as well as remaining utterly dedicated to her class and the school. We send her all our love and prayers at this very difficult time.

PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO

Huge thanks to the PTA for organising and running the Halloween Family Disco on the last day of half term. They were in school early, prepping and making the place look fantastically spooky. Thank you to all those members of the PTA and school community that turned up and made the event so

fantastic – especially as they all brought

their own decorations to make the night so special. There were hot-dogs and pizza and a good time was had by all. WE all really appreciate the work of the PTA and the support from families in the fundraising events. THANK YOU ALL!

EYFS INSTALLATIONS

We are absolutely delighted that Eden Play have been

back at school this week to complete the installation of some new and exciting equipment for our children in Early Years. We have saved and planned for these pieces to go in to support our Early Years department and are thrilled with the results. We now have a climbing frame for children to climb and balance on, twirly bars for spinning and balance, a double-sided traversing wall for climbing and travelling and a new robust mud-kitchen. All these items are of such high quality, built to last and securely cemented in place. It will provide the perfect environment for our children to thrive and learn in our Nursery and Reception classes.

There is still a little bit of work to be done and we're waiting for a large delivery of bark for the kitchen area but we couldn't be happier.

CHRISTMAS PANTO

On Wednesday 16th November, M&M Productions are back in school to perform one of their fabulous pantos for the children. These are the most spectacular school productions I've seen through my career (which is a long time) and a real treat for all our children, especially for those who haven't ever been to a panto out of school before. They are expensive and school does subsidise these as we know how beneficial they are. Unfortunately, last time we had a performance, we got very little in the way of contributions. We are asking for a donation of £4.00 per child towards the cost.

This production was pre-booked 12 months ago but it may well be the last we can provide as school budgets have become so tight in the last few months that we can't pay without parental support. We fully appreciate the times we're in but it is a great experience for children. Thank you so much.

ROCK STEADY MUSIC

Yesterday we had a real treat for the whole school with a visit from Rock Steady Music. They 'rocked up' with their full musical repertoire and provided an assembly followed by two workshops, one for KS1 and one for KS2. I'm not sure who enjoyed it the most, children or staff...if you haven't seen Mrs Tyrrell and Mr Dillon rocking out on our twitter page, it's worth a watch! To be honest, the children absolutely love it more. There was such a buzz in the hall and around the school for the rest of the day. Rock Steady played a range of really up-to-date music with electric guitars and literally rocked the school. The children were treated to a rock concert so what a treat to have!

This is a company that provides music tuition to pupils over the year in very different instrument choices than most children would be used to. This is not financially linked to the school and is purely an option if parents want to buy in.











WEBSITE UPDATE

We have finally had some of our photos uploaded to the home-page of our website. In order to see them, **you may need to clear the 'cashe' on your browser** and reload the page again.

The website is a one-stop-shop for all the information about the school. If there is ever anything that you feel is missing, or you would like a copy of, please just let us know.



STAFF CAR PARK

Can we please remind all parents that our car park is only for **STAFF** use. Not only do parents prevent our staff getting in or out but we are not insured for parental use. Thanks for your cooperation.



DATES FOR DIARIES

We have lots of events coming up in the next 6 weeks. Below you'll see the dates we currently have and these are also on the school website on our calendar. Please keep your eyes out for updates.

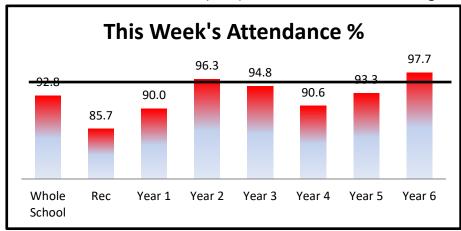
Thursday 10th November
Wednesday 16th November
Friday 18th November
Friday 25th November
Thursday 1sth December
Friday 2nd December
Tuesday 13th December
Wednesday 14th December
Thursday 15th December
Friday 16th December
Friday 16th December
Monday 19th December
Tuesday 20th December

Protecting Our Planet Day
M&M Productions PANTO @ 1.30
PTA Christmas ADULT Bingo @ 7.00
MAD Science Assembly @ 9.30
ELF is in school to see all our children!
Own Clothes day
KS1 Christmas Play @ 9.30
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EYFS Christmas Play @ 9.30
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Father Christmas comes to town!
Santa Dash @ 1.30
Children's Class Party Afternoon

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line**. <u>Well done Year 2 and Year 6.</u>

Attendance was low this week – let's see if we can make a big effort and get our children in. Remember, if you provide a note, we can give Calpol and ibuprofen.



Wishing you all a great bonfire night weekend – stay safe!

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