



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of the half term! It's been a long one – I know the staff are definitely ready for a break and I am sure most of the children are too. We have done so much already this school year, and we are looking forward to the Christmas term and all the excitement and learning that entails! I do hope you have an enjoyable break with your families. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week – I hope you found it useful! Thank you to all of the staff who stayed in school for the extra hours to make this possible.

Life Education Visit

Thank you very much to those of you who have already made a contribution towards the cost of the Life Education team visit which is happening the week after half term, it is VERY much appreciated. This is a costly resource, but one which is such good value for money given the engagement of the children, and the quality of the information they are given about keeping safe in a variety of situations. We are asking for a donation of £5.00 per child via WisePay– if you can't contribute this much, anything is appreciated, if you can pay more than £5.00– thank you.

Reception children

After half term, the Reception children should come into school via the Key Stage 1 playground gate. The gates open at 8.25am – I would ask that you drop your child and leave promptly, as the area outside the gate can get congested and we need to be able to keep an eye on all the coming and going.

School Street

We are very excited to be starting the trial of our School Street on Monday, 10th November – you should have received the letter we sent out yesterday with all the details. Please remember, Malvern Rd in front of the school, and Beatty Rd will be closed to all traffic, apart from residents and blue badge holders who hold the badge for a child with a disability, between 8.15 and 8.45 and 2.30 to 3.10. If you are parked within the restricted zone between those times, you will have to stay in the area until the barriers are reopened. On the whole, our neighbours have been really supportive of this initiative to improve the safety of your children coming to and from school – I would ask that you show them kindness and respect, especially in the first few weeks when parking patterns around the school will be changing and settling down. You may want to allow extra time for your child to walk or scoot the last part of their journey. I am very grateful to BCP for their support with this initiative – I really hope that we see an improvement for our children! Please note, on Wednesday, 5th November a member of the Walk Wheel Cycle team will be (briefly) outside school, taking some 'before' photographs of traffic on Malvern Rd.

Year 6 parents

Just a reminder that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is 31st October, and you must ensure you have completed all your forms and returned any supplementary information by then.

Lunches

The hot meals deadline for the week after half term is Monday, 27th October – if you miss this date and have not ordered lunches for your child, please ensure you send them in with a packed lunch.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies in school after half term. Please send your child in to school with a minimum donation of 50p if they would like to buy one.

Uniform

All the children should be wearing winter uniform when they return to school after the holidays. It is a navy pinafore dress (KS1), navy skirt (KS2), or grey trousers, with a white shirt and a TIE for every child. Your

child should also have a cardigan or jumper with the school badge. On PE days, your child should wear navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a yellow polo top with the school badge, and either our school hoodie with the logo, or a plain navy sweatshirt. You can find full details on our website. We have plenty of second-hand uniform, so please ask at the office if you are missing anything.

Guitar lessons

After half term, Guitar lessons for Year 5 will be on a Monday, and Year 4 on a Tuesday.

Clubs

Clubs resume straight after the holiday, but there is no football club on Monday 3rd November (starts the following week)

Christmas!

We are making plans for our Nativity and Advent performances this year. I am giving you plenty of warning of the dates in the hope that you will be able to book time off work if necessary, and make child care arrangements to avoid bringing younger siblings. Places will be limited to three per family, if you have no choice but to bring a preschool child with you, this will count as one of your places, even if they sit on your lap. We will be issuing tickets, again in order to keep an eye on numbers. If you are unable to come to the date assigned to you, you are welcome to arrange a 'swap' with a family from another date. The groups have been divided according to children's surnames:

Reception:

Performance 1: Wed 10th Dec, 9.15am - Child's surname **A-H**

Performance 2: Thurs 11th Dec, 9.15am – Child's surname **I-Z**

Year 1

Performance 1: Wed 10th Dec, 10.30am – Child's surname **A-H**

Performance 2: Thurs 11th Dec, 10.30am – Child's surname **I-Z**

Year 2

Carols and Mince pies – Tuesday 16th December 2.00pm

Year 4

Advent service will take place in the Annunciation Church on Monday 15th December at 6.00pm – more information to follow!

While we're talking Christmas, we will have a PSA meeting on Thursday 6th November at 9.00 to discuss our Christmas raffle and fundraising – please come along if you can!

Well done to our Stars of the week!

Super Role Model: RJ:Matias; RP:Jon; 1JC:Luka; 1WH:Oliver; 2NW:Kiara; 2MS:Izzabelle;;3NL: Rafa; 3BN:Jakub; 4CM: Isaac ; 4PM:lara; 5JC: Esme; 5RH:Leo; 6KB: Leo C; 6HT:Hilina.

Learning Champion: RJ: Skylar; RP:Zoey;1JC:Aasiyah; 1WH:Arlo; 2NW: Matteo; 2MS:Natalia; 3NL: Layla; 3BN:Joel; 4CM: Jessica; 4PM;Max C; 5JC:Lucas H; 5RH:Alex; 6KB: Andrew; 6HT: Oscar

Dates for your diary:

Mon 3 rd Nov	8.40am	Children return to school
Tues 4 th Nov	9.00am	Life Education team arrive for the week
Thurs 6 th Nov	3.30 -4.30	Stay and Play session for parents and children due to start school in Set 26
Mon 10 th Nov	2.15pm	4CM Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Mon 11 th Nov	2.15pm	4PM Celebration of the Word – Parents and carers welcome
Friday 14 th Nov	1.30	Year 6 Remembrance Showcase – Parents and carers welcome

Wishing you a lovely half term with your family.

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