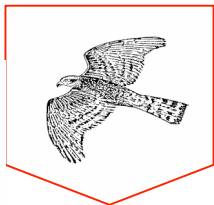


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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

Seemingly it is 7 weeks exactly until Christmas Day! With that in mind I hope you received the letter this week giving your son / daughter the opportunity to make your Christmas Cards for you this year. I have already posted some templates to my sister for my niece to get designing...! Please remember the deadline for designs to be returned to the school office is November 20th.

On the reverse of the newsletter are all the dates for Christmas / end of term events for your interest too.

This week started with some excitement when Doug Martin (Chair of the PTFA) came into our Monday morning assembly to announce the winners of the Balloon Competition from the Summer Fair. 2 children won book tokens for the furthest travelling balloons. Adam Fordham's balloon was found in Vlissingen, The Netherlands, and Grace Lester's balloon was discovered in De Haan, Belgium. They travelled some impressive distances. It just shows the quality of balloons you can purchase from Serendipity!

One of this year's projects for the school is to improve the way children solve problems, especially in numeracy lessons. There will be a new regular feature on the reverse of this term's newsletters suggesting a numeracy problem that you could solve at home with your child. Most weeks the problem will be a practical one that children of any age can work with you to solve. Let myself or Mr O'Brien know how you get on when you see us on the door on Monday morning. Have fun doing it!

Pupils in Y5 represented the school at The War Graves this week and participated in a Remembrance Service to commemorate all people who have died in wars past and present. The children told me it was an interesting service and they were astonished to find out how many soldiers were buried at the cemetery who died so young. We will be having a minutes silence on Wednesday 11th November at 11 o'clock, teachers will speak to the children before hand to remind the children why we do this as a mark of respect.

If you are a parent of a child in Y6 and have not applied for a secondary school for your child, you have until midnight tonight to do so! If you need any support please ring me or Mr O'Brien before 6pm tonight!

Have a good weekend

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Diary Dates – November & December

- 18th November – PTFA Candle Party night
- 20th November – Christmas Card templates to be returned
- 23rd November – Governors meeting
- 9th December – PTFA gift wrapping evening – all welcome
- 11th December – Christmas Gifts Day
- 15th December – Nativity (performed by pupils in Reception, Y1 and 2)
- 16th December – Christmas Fair
- 17th December – School Christmas Lunch
- January 13th – Parents evening

Remember:

Once a week, take a peek!

*Actual size of headlice
in stages of arowth*



Let's get healthy before Christmas!

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are given free fruit every day (funded by the government) at break-time as a healthy snack. From Monday some pupils in Y5/6 are going to open a fruit shop in the Junior Library to sell fruit at 10p a piece for pupils in Y3,4,5,6.

What else can you do to encourage your child to be more healthy? (or indeed become healthier yourselves!)?

How about swapping crisps for rice cakes or breadsticks as a snack or in a packed lunch box.

Remember daily exercise is good for us all (even if we do find it difficult to fit it in!) Walking on Wednesday is proving to be popular with many families, and the children who 'scoot' to school everyday certainly get some good exercise! There is still space in the Scooter Shed for some more scooters if you fancy it!

This week's practical problem to solve

Space ship maths

Some Tripods (aliens with 3 legs) and Bipods (aliens with 2 legs) have flown in from planet Zeno. There were at least 2 of each of them.

There were 23 legs altogether.

How many Tripods were there?
How many bipods were there?

How many different combinations can you make?

Tip - it might be a good idea to draw the aliens.

Did you know that the school newsletter is posted on the school website each week?

(Usually by Saturday afternoon)

Also have a look at the website to find out which After School Clubs we host each week.

Parents of Y6 pupils

The second payment for the residential trip is due this month. Please make your payment of £10 to the school office before the end of November. This will make a total payment so far of £30.

PTFA message

Blue bags were sent home over half term for you to fill with quality second hand ladies', men's and children's clothing, as well as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. No bric-a-brac please.

Please return these bags to school on Tues 24 November for collection. Remember we can earn up to 40p per kilo for school funds.

Mrs Hughes Money Saving Tip of the Week

If your car or house insurance is due for renewal use the internet to find a better deal. Don't hunt forever, there is so much choice. If you find something more competitive the chances are your existing company will at least match it (providing the cover is like for like) Also many companies will send you a gift voucher just for getting a quote!

Reminder from Mrs Hughes

Anyone in years 4/5/6 who have not opened a school bank account – there is still time to do so! Please contact Mrs Hughes for an application form if you wish to open an account.

Look out for more exciting news about our school bank in next week's newsletter.

Letters sent home this week

- Puffins Class – Trip to the woods
 - Christmas card letter
 - Results of Parents Survey
- If you have not received one of these letters please contact Mrs Crook in the office on Monday