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Dear Parents,

As usual we have had a very busy week this week. On Tuesday we held our Open Morning for parents who are looking for places for their children to start school in September. It was a very busy morning indeed – over 60 families came to visit! We received some wonderful feedback from many parents who enjoyed the tours our Year 6 House Captains gave them. The feedback I was most proud of was about what a family atmosphere many parents noticed on their visit. This is something we really value and work hard to achieve – it was lovely for people who were visiting us for such a short time to notice this.

On Wednesday the whole school took part in a non-stop 'tiempo dance' session, which is delivered as part of our Shepway Sports trust package. The aim of this workshop was to get every child in key stage 1 and 2 participating in an intense aerobic activity and learn about how to be healthy. The children all had a fantastic time and it was so lovely to see them all enjoying exercise together. Back in their classes, the children looked at the NHS guidelines of doing 60 minutes of moderate aerobic activity every day and the health benefits this would give them, as well as being given the opportunity to reflect on how they can have a healthier lifestyle. The dance teacher was impressed by the stamina the children demonstrated and the enthusiasm the children (and staff) showed during their 'dance-athon'!

Children in Year 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge earlier this half term. All children that took part received a certificate and some children were awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates. Gold certificates were awarded to: Oliver Barnes, Dylan Solomon, George Smith, Elissa Huntley, Oliver Iwasyszyn, Thomas Reed-Cook, Olivia Shaw, Zane Edwards, Christopher Manning, Rosh Rahman, Isabelle Skitt, Kaitlin Smith. Well done to everyone that took part!

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the crazy socks for Children In Need today – the theme worked well with the school photographer being in too! There were some very weird and wonderful socks on show today!! Once we count up the money that you have donated we will let you know how much we have raised today. Thank you for supporting this event.

I am quite sure that you have received your appointment slips for Parents Evening next week – if you have not, please let the teachers know. Looking forwards to seeing you all then.

Have a good weekend

Diary dates – term 2

November

30th Christmas Crafts (more info below)

December

4th – Relationships & Sex Education workshop

10th – Y3 /4 Landing pad 2:15pm

10th Nativity – R, Y1, Y2 – 9:30am

12th – Y5 /6 Landing pad 2:15pm

17th – Christmas Lunch

18th – Last school day of 2019!!

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:30 a day if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

School meals will be served from week 2 next week.

The lunch menu is on the school website.

Class photograph orders need to be at school by the end of the day today. If you have one still drop it in before 5pm

Don't forget the Nativity play is on the 10th December

Christmas Craft Morning

Please join us at school for mince pies and crafts on Saturday 30th November between 10am and 12noon.

Paint something festive for £5 with Amazing Glaze.



Create a hand-made Christmas gift for someone.



Create a range of Christmas decorations.



Make an advent calendar ready for December!

Colour a Christmas card.

Make a mini Christmas wreath.



Winter Weather Protocols

If we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, we may have to take the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made we will notify parents via our text message service. Please ensure your contact details are up to date.

What can you do to help?

- Please visit <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/winter-service> for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.
- Don't forget suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing.
- If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates.