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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

We really enjoyed our Anti-Bullying Day on Monday! We wore odd socks for Odd Socks Day and Miss Smith started off the day with an assembly to introduce this year's anti-bullying theme of 'choose respect'. We danced and sang to the new Andy and the Odd Socks song which is also called Choose Respect. Everyone then went to their classes to complete a range of activities including signing our anti-bullying charter and taking part in a design an anti-bullying sock competition.

Miss Smith tweeted pictures of our day for the Andy and the Odd Socks competition. If we win they will come and perform in school for us! Andy and the Odd Socks then messaged us to ask if they could send our Odd Sock Day picture to ITV to use. We hope they use it on the TV - we are keeping a look out!

We were very pleased to have a visit from a special visitor this week. Mrs Wade came in with baby George. The children were delighted to meet him and staff were able to have lots of cuddles. Thank you to Mrs Wade for bringing him in to meet us all.



Remembrance Assembly

On Friday our Year 2 & year 4 children led a joint remembrance assembly with readings and poems and artefacts from home. They helped us to learn about World War 1, and told us about their relatives who have served in past wars. As a school and as a community we paid tribute to and remembered all those brave and heroic soldiers and relatives who took part in past wars and we reflected upon why it is important to remember. We were very proud of our year 2 and year 4 children and the staff who have helped them. Thank you.





Children in Need

Children in need day, Friday 16th November. If children wish to support this then they can choose to wear something spotty **ALONGSIDE** their school uniform. E.g. a hair accessory, headband, spotty socks. We ask for a minimum donation of £1 if children choose to do this.



School Christmas fair

The PTA Christmas Fair will be held in school on Friday 7th December from 3.30pm. Over the next few weeks we will be asking for donations. Please see below for some of the requests.

Week (commencing 19th) – Tombola Items

Week (commencing 26th) – secret Santa

Friday 30th November- Non uniform for Secret Santa gifts

Request for cakes to be brought in on Friday 7th Dec (for the refreshments – cake/tea/coffee stall).

PTA Christmas lunch on Friday 7th December- All welcome. Please contact Caroline Carr or Kay Curphey for details.



Reception bikes

On Tuesday and Wednesday 'ICycle' came in to school to work with the reception children. They used balance bikes and taught them the skills they will need to ride a bike (if they can't already). Thank you to 'ICycle' for coming in.



Netball

Well done to our netball team who played at Oakhill on Monday. They played really well as a team and showed excellent resilience. We are very proud of you all girls, well done! Thank you to Mr Smith for accompanying them.

Rugby

Please see the attached flyer regarding free sessions.

Football

Please note there will be **NO FOOTBALL** afterschool on Friday 7th December due to the school fair. There will be a football session on Friday 14th in place of this. ART CLUB will continue as normal.

Tea towels

The children have designed a tea towel with self-portraits. These will make an ideal Christmas present and are on sale from the office for £5.00. Please pay by either cash or cheque to **LCC**. We cannot accept cheques made out to school. This will not be on parent pay.

Staff Carpark

Please can parents be aware that the carpark is for staff and visitor use only. We have had incidents this week where staff needed to attend training at other schools and were blocked in and where visitors could not for example when arriving to deliver afterschool clubs. If there are no spaces left you **must not** park in the middle and should find alternative parking because this is interfering with the day to day running of the school. It is also a safety hazards and unfortunately, this week, I have seen a number of children walk across the car park between parked cars in the middle and we do not want any accidents or injuries to any of our children. Please ensure, all pedestrians, including children use the signed path way around the carpark. I appreciate how difficult parking is around school but staff and visitors must have access at all times. If we continue to have safety concerns or disruption to school then sadly we will have no option but to lock the gates on to the carpark. Please pass this information on to Grandparents/relatives or other people who may collect the children. Thank you for your co-operation to keep all of our children safe and to ensure the smooth running of the school.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 16th November

Year 1 Assembly

Tuesday 20th November

My Skills production at the Grand 5.30pm

Monday 26th November

Netball match at Oakhill 4.30-5.00pm

Friday 30th November

Non uniform day in exchange for Secret Santa

Future dates:

Tuesday 4th December - Whole School Advent Mass
Thursday 6th December - EYFS coffee Morning and Christmas Activities
Friday 7th December - School Christmas Fair 3.30pm
Tuesday 11th December- Junior Nativity in Church -Time TBC
Wednesday 12th - EYFS Bikes and Scooters
Wednesday 12th - KS1 nativity 2.15pm in school
Thursday 13th - KS1 nativity - 9.15am in school
Sunday 16th - Children's Carol Service in Church time TBC
Monday 17th - KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 18th - Artyfacts production of Oliver Twist in school
Tuesday 18th- KS2 Christmas Party (PM)
Wednesday 19th - Music concert 9.05am
Wednesday 19th - Christmas dinner and jumper day.
Thursday - SCHOOL CLOSES 2.15PM

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher