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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

What's been happening?

- Friends of the School - 'Adopt a Teddy' – Friday 24th October - fundraising for resources in school. Parents meetings have taken place – if you have not been able to meet with your child's class teacher and would like to, please contact school to make an appointment.
- Friends of the School disco – Tuesday 21st
- Year 4 and 5 pupils continue with their FISCH project – healthy living and exercise
- School council members for each class have been elected
- Year 5 pupils are taking part in a Neighbourhood Watch Project – you may have read about this in the Echo or heard them speaking on Metro Radio recently.
- Our Harvest Festival took place – thank you for your kind donations to the Foodbank.
- The school gardeners have been working hard to plant spring bulbs in the playground planters, and to improve the entrance with lovely new tubs.
- Four pupils were chosen to represent the school last week at the official opening of Whitworth Park School by the Duke of Kent – they talked to the Duke and enjoyed seeing the royal helicopter fly off at the end of the visit.
- Year 3 pupils have started pedestrian training to develop road safety awareness skills
- Year 2 pupils had an exciting visit to Low Barns to learn about the environment.
- We have had a book fair in school and lots of lovely new books were purchased
- Year 5 and Reception class have enjoyed learning all about space when the Life Centre Planetarium visited school
- Year 6 have presented a super assembly for their parents
- EYFS pupils took part in a gymnastics festival

Playground - Jungle Gym and dogs

Please ensure you keep your children off the jungle gym before school – it is often slippery at this time of day and we do not wish for anyone to have an accident. Teachers will continue to remind children of this when they are on duty – your support is much appreciated. Please also remember dogs are **not** permitted in school grounds.

Key Stage 2 Fruit

Our new Eco Club fruit tuck shop will be available each day at breaktime – fresh fruit is being delivered from a local grocer. Children can choose a piece of fruit for 20p each day. If you would like to pay £1 in advance of the week, please send this on Monday morning, otherwise daily payments can be taken (please try to bring the correct change!).

Family Learning

Maths family learning is available for Years 2, 3 and 4. This will run on Thursday afternoon – you will have a chance to learn about teaching methods, how you can support your child at home, and also to learn some new skills yourself! Parents will also have the chance to work with their children during the afternoon session, playing fun games and practising maths skills. It doesn't matter what your own skills are – come along and learn with your child! There is also a chance for a qualification for parents/carers. Please return your slip so you can be guaranteed your place on this course.

Anti-Bullying Roadshow

Linked to our themed week we are pleased to invite parents to a Roadshow on Friday 21st November. For KS1 parents this will take place between 9.15 – 10 am and for KS2 this will be between 10.30 and 11.30am. In addition there is a parent workshop between 2 and 3pm on the same afternoon. This will give parents a chance to discuss any concerns and seek advice.

Adopt a cow

Thank you for your support with this worthwhile cause. We have already raised £162 and money is still coming into school. Children's names are being entered for the prize draw at the end of this term for a Smyths Toyshop voucher.



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Reminder – wet weather procedures

Please remember on days where the weather is inclement to bring children straight to the junior entrance (nearest the gate) where staff will see children into the school hall; we ask that parents do not bring children in themselves in order to help us ensure all pupils are safeguarded. Reception and Nursery pupils go to their usual entrance, as normal.

School uniform and lost property

We will put lost property on a table in the entrance after half term – please check through this if you think your child has lost something. Please also remember to put your child's name in clothing as uniform is often confused!

Diary Dates

November

- 1 **School re-opens**
- 4 Year 5 and 6 Athletics
- 5 Multicultural cooking – Chef in school
- 5 EYFS pupils visit to Hardwick Park
- 5 Year 6 pupils – Safety Carousel
- 6 Year 5 – Chinese artist visit
- 7 Artyfact Theatre visit – WW1
- 13 Year 1 trip to see Room on the Broom
- 14 Children in Need
- 17-21 Anti-Bullying week
- 21 Anti-Bullying Roadshow
Including Parent Workshop 2-3pm
- 22 St Andrew's Church Fair – Fair Trade Stall and Choir Performance
- 25 Owlman to visit Year 1 and Year 3
- 26 Year 5 Family Assembly – 10.10am
- 28 Friends of the school meeting – all welcome – 2pm

December

- 3 EYFS visit to Adventure Valley
- 5 EYFS Parent Craft Day
- 5 Year 1 visit to Crook Hall
- 8 Music show
- 9 Whole School visit to Gala - Pantomime
- 11 Christmas Show – Year 1 to 4 – 10.15am
- 12 Christmas Show – Year 1 to 4 – 1.45pm
- 15 Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Disco
- 17 EYFS Show – 10.30am
- 17 Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Disco
- 18 EYFS Party – morning
- 19 Christmas Carol Service – 1.30pm St Andrew's Church
- 19 **School closes for end of term**

January

- 6 **School re-opens for pupils**

Mrs Monk

