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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 2, the term of glitter and sparkles! I hope you have all had a lovely October break and have enjoyed some autumnal fun.

Clothing for School

Firstly, with the weather in mind, I would like to remind you to send waterproofs, wellies and warm coats for your children to school as we will still be trying to make the most of the outdoors despite more challenging weather. It is also worth noting that we are still required to keep windows open in school as part of our Covid mitigations, ensuring good ventilation and airflow. Although our heating is on, the temperature in the classrooms can be a little chillier than the norm, so please be sure the children have sweatshirts for indoors. If anyone is struggling with this, please contact the school as there are grants available for uniform and we may have some spares.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all those who have brought in goods for the Rotary shoe box appeal. All donations gratefully received! Small toys, stationery, toiletries and such like are best received.

Reports

Interim reports are to be issued in the next week or so. These follow the same format as last year and are a very brief overview of how pupils are getting on. We will be offering opportunities for online parent/teacher consultations this term as well although, of course, we aim to maintain constant communication throughout the year.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club has proven to be a great success and has been so well attended and supported! It is genuinely my favourite morning of the week as the gang all come in for a chat and some breakfast. We will be continuing with this every Thursday, thanks to our fab PSAs Mrs F and Mrs

Kennedy who collect the food in their own time on Wednesday evenings. Please try to remember the suggested 50p donation but we will never turn away a child looking for breakfast!

Christmas Performances

I am very excited to work this term on a performance for Christmas! It is highly unlikely that we will be able to invite parents in to watch a live performance, however, I'm formulating a plan to make it as entertaining and dynamic as possible. We will not be able to go to the theatre for the panto this year but I am in the process of trying to source a really good quality theatrical performance which could be streamed into school.

Children In Need

The children have decided they would like to hold a pyjama day to raise funds for Children in Need this year. There will be a £1 donation and hopefully some other purchasable items to boost fundraising for the charity. The event will take place on Wednesday 17th November due to In-service Days occurring thereafter.

Covid-19

We go ahead with this term with the same precautions and mitigations against Covid that we had last term. Lots of hand washing, additional cleaning and adults wearing masks being the key ones. Our guidance around PCR testing has changed slightly as the case numbers have crept up again so we are now only required to ask you to get a PCR test for the three cardinal symptoms:

- High temperature
- Change or loss of taste and/or smell
- Cough

A lateral flow test is not enough when these symptoms are present and so without a negative PCR result, we have to ask the child and family to isolate for 10 days.

So, let's get cracking with another busy term! Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Kind Regards,



Caroline Roche

Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary

NOVEMBER	
Monday 1 st	Term 2 begins
Tuesday 9 th	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 17 th	Children in Need – Pj’s day
Thursday 18 th	In-service Day – School closed to pupils
Friday 19 th	In-service Day – School closed to pupils
DECEMBER	
Friday 10 th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 21 st	Last Day of Term 2
JANUARY	
Wednesday 5 th	Term 3 begins