

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn Term information newsletter 5 – Friday 10th November 2017



We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing half term holiday and were able to make some wonderful memories. Children have returned to school with a fresh enthusiasm and are all producing work of real quality in all of their subjects. We as a staff are looking forward to showing this to numerous visitors over the next few weeks, including our school governors in their first governors' day on Friday 24th November.

In the build up to the Christmas period please take even greater notice of the key dates and save them in your diaries to save disappointment.

Key dates (please note that these may change)



November	
Monday 6 th to Friday 17 th November	Whole School mosaic project
Friday 10 th November	Whole school remembrance assembly
Monday 13 th November	Henry VIII's visit to meet Year 6 children and parents
Friday 17 th November	Children in need non-school uniform day. £1 donation required FMCA Christmas Fayre 6pm-8pm
Friday 24 th November	Governors training day at Manor Court.
Monday 27 th November to Friday 1 st December	Year 6 assessment week
Tuesday 28 th November 3:30pm	Parents forum in the school hall
December	
Friday 1 st December	Parents forum after KS2 celebration assembly
Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th December	Whole school assessment week 2
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert - 10:30-11:30am Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert - 1:30 - 2:30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	10:30 – 11:30am Year 3 and Year 4 Carol Concert at St Mary's 2:30pm EYC Nativity in the School Hall. Tea and coffee will be available.
Friday 15 th December	Save the children 'Christmas jumper day' - £1 donation required if your child would like to wear their Christmas jumper.
Monday 18 th December 6:00pm	Drama club and Choir Christmas concert to parents
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas dinner in the school hall. Further information to follow
Thursday 21 st December	End of Autumn Term

Children in need non-school uniform day

Next Friday (17th November) we will join thousands of schools throughout the country in raising money for children in need. We will be completing children in need based activities throughout the day and holding a non-school uniform day with the theme of 'Anything Goes', meaning your child can wear their favourite costume/clothing to school that day. If your child would like to participate, please send them to school with a £1 donation. Please, as usual, no jumpers or t-shirts with slogans, sporting shirts or offensive or indecent clothing to be worn.



Advance notice of Christmas activities

We are pleased to confirm that the following dates have been confirmed and will all, apart from the EYC nativity and Drama club and Choir Christmas concert, be held at St Mary's Church.

- Tuesday 12th December Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert - 10:30am -11:30am
- Tuesday 12th December Year 1 & Year 2 Carol Concert - 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- Wednesday 13th December Year 3 & Year 4 Carol Concert - 10:30am -11:30am
- Monday 18th December Drama Club & Choir Christmas Concert to parents - 6pm
- Wednesday 20th December Christmas dinner in the school hall
- Wednesday 20th December EYC Nativity in the school hall - 2.30pm - 3pm

Lord's Larder

During the half term holiday we received a letter from the chairperson of the Lord's Larder working committee thanking us for our donations from our Harvest Festival. Thank you once more for your donations which have been given to local families.

Remembrance assembly and Year 5 project

Today all of the children participated in their Remembrance assembly and Year 5 have worked hard and completed their poppies project. Please take the time to see the Year 5 project which is on display at the front of the school.

EYC news

The EYC children have enjoyed being part of the whole school mosaic project this week and it will be wonderful for them to look back on this experience when they're playing in the KS1 playground in a few years' time. At the suggestion of some of our parents we have recently started to trial a breakfast club for all EYC children. If this is something that you would find useful then please speak to Laura for further information.

The EYC will be starting their own Twitter page very soon and just like the main school, this will enable them to share photos of the children with parents and carers.

Whole school mosaic project

This week the children have been busy with their academic work and have also started designing and making three permanent mosaics that will be displayed in the foyer and on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Photos as always can be found on the school twitter page. We are grateful that this project is being partly funded by the finances raised by the FMCA.



School council

On the last day of the first half term, our school council members were elected. This year, Laura Gregory our Early Intervention Officer, organised a thorough election process where all children interested in becoming a councillor had to write and deliver their own manifesto prior to an election, with ballot boxes in the school hall. This was a wonderful experience where all children learnt about democracy and led to much discussion. We look forward to seeing the changes that the school councillors petition for and make on behalf of their peers.

Year 4 trip to Dorset County Museum

This Thursday the Year 4 children visited the Dorset County Museum to learn more about their history topic on the Romans. They enjoyed looking at skeletons from the Roman age and asked the historians excellent questions.



FMCA Christmas Fayre

The FMCA work tirelessly to support the school in raising finances that are used to fund additional enrichment activities for all children who attend our school. The FMCA will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Friday 17th November between 6:00pm and 8:00pm and have many exciting and interesting stalls booked for you to purchase some excellent Christmas presents! The FMCA will be writing to you next week asking for donations of cakes to be sold on the cake stall. If you could donate some cake, then this will be greatly appreciated.



Please be aware that Mr Talmage will be away from school for the next week due to contracting shingles, however he is in constant communication with Mr Clode who will ensure the school remains in good hands.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Mr L Talmage
Head Teacher

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Mr A Clode
Deputy Head Teacher/Inclusion leader