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Newsletter No.3 - 8th November 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back after half term holiday. We hope the children enjoyed the break. This term is always a busy one with lots of activities in school for the run up to Christmas. Please do check the diary dates on this newsletter. We will also be sending out this month a separate Calendar of Events notice sheet giving you information about what's going on in December.

Talking of Christmas; it is time for us to start rehearsing our Christmas Concert next week. Further details for tickets will be sent out later.

We really do understand that we ask a lot of you at this time of year and really appreciate your support.

Thank you to the parents who came along to our workshops this month. We hope you found it useful. If you weren't able to attend details of the workshops are available on our website. [Maths workshop](#)

Before the Morning Bell

Please can we remind you that parents are responsible for their children before the morning bell. Please stay with your children in the playground until they have lined up ready to go into school. Thank you.

Sports Clubs

Whenever possible Fit Camp and Tag Rugby will be held outside. If your child is taking part in these clubs please ensure they have some warm sports clothing in school, for example tracksuit bottoms and fleecy top. Please can our Tag Rugby players wear plastic studded boots.

Children in Need— Supporting a Brighter Future for Children's Mental Wellbeing

We have a limited stock of Pudsey Ears and LED Glow Keyrings which are available buy from the school office.

Just a reminder that we are also supporting Children in Need by inviting the children to come to school wearing something spotty on Friday 15th November in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. This is a full mufti day.

'Adopt a Teddy'

We will have our much loved 'Adopt a Teddy' stall at the Bazaar again this year. If you have any teddies that are looking for a new home please drop them to the school office.

Bottle Mufti Day

On Friday 22nd November we will be having a Bottle Mufti Day where we ask you to donate a bottle for our Bottle Tombola. The children can come to school in their own clothes on this day.

Tues 12th Nov—Full Governing Body Mtg @ 6.20pm

Thurs 14th Nov—NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly; Flu Immunisation (All Years)

Fri 15th Nov—Children In Need (Wear spots)

Tues 19th Nov—Y2 Stay & Play @ 2pm

Fri 22nd Nov—Bottle Mufti Day; PTA Quiz

Tues 26th Nov—Open Day @ 9.30am

Mon 2nd Dec—Christmas Concert Costumes in school today; Hygge Reading (Details to follow)

Tues 3rd Dec—Pre-School Stay & Play @ 9.15—10.00am

Mon 9th Dec—Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am

Tues 10th and Weds 11th Dec—Christmas Concert @ 9.30am

Thurs 12th Dec—Elf Visit

Fri 13th Dec—Christmas Bazaar (3.30-5.30pm)

Mon 16th Dec—Cinema Trip (Details to follow)

Weds 18th Dec—Christingle Assembly; WASPS Xmas Disco

Thurs 19th Dec—Party Day; TERM ENDS

Mon 6th Jan—Inset Day

Tues 7th Jan—School Opens at 8.50am

Thurs 9th Jan—Open Day @ 9.30am

Thurs 6th Feb—YR Stay and Play @ 2.00pm

Mon 10th Feb—Y1 & Y2 Stay and Play @ 2.00pm

Fri 14th Feb—TERM ENDS

Mon 24th Feb—School Opens at 8.50am

Weds 26th Feb—Finance Governor Mtg @ 6.30pm

Mon 2nd & 4th Mar—Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00pm

Tues 3rd Mar—Curriculum Governor Mtg



News, Views and Celebrations

Wellington Boots

We have a collection of wellington boots in the gazebo at the front of the school. Please can you check to see if any of these belong to your child. Any remaining boots will be recycled after Friday 15th November. Please can you also check that your child has a pair of wellington boots in school that are the correct size for them. Thank you.

Attendance

There has been a flurry of requests for children to be taken out of school during term time.

As a statutory requirement we monitor every child's attendance. We would like to let you know that if a child's attendance has fallen below 90% we are required to write to you. 95% attendance or below is a cause for concern.

We would like to remind you that it is important that children come to school regularly and on time. Children are not permitted time off school to go on trips, shopping or holidays. If parents do request time off for such events they will be unauthorised by the school.

We are committed to offering children the best start to their school life. Promoting regular attendance is part of this commitment. We are confident you will support our efforts.

Periods of unauthorised absence can result in the County Attendance Team issuing a penalty notice. This is in line with Section 444 of the Education Act, Local Authority Guidelines and agreed School Policy. Please note that information in regards to term time holidays is available within the schools attendance policy and has been agreed by governors.

A penalty notice may be issued at a fine of £60 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days. This would rise to £120 per parent/carer, per child, if paid between 21 in 28 days and could lead to further court proceedings if unpaid. A copy of our policy for Every Lesson Counts is attached to this newsletter email.

Governor Meetings

Governors for the Curriculum and Finance Committees have held meetings in the last week to discuss plans for these.

Parenting Course

We have been sent the details of a Parenting Course which is a three week programme for parents of primary school age children. It is designed to make parenting more fun, confident and enjoyable. The programme is taking place at Jimmy Figgs in Thame on 6th, 20th November and 4th December. Please contact LH365@lighthousehame.org.uk or call 07549534330 to book a place.