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BONFIRE NIGHT – Our bonfire night and firework display will take place on Friday 3rd November. Members of the PTA will be selling advance tickets at the school gates after school the first week back after half term for £3 each.



SPOOKY DISCO – All of the children enjoyed themselves at the disco on Wednesday and their costumes were amazing!



END OF TERM – This term will end tomorrow, Friday 20th October. We will return to school on Monday 30th October.

PARENT REPORTING – Please note, tomorrow children in Years 1-6 will bring home a slip showing their outcomes for this term. The slip will show boxes for Reading, Writing, Maths, Attendance and Behaviour, alongside a mark between 1 and 4, depending on how well they understood the learning. We have now added four further areas on which your child is assessed for your information. This slip will be used to keep you updated on your child's progress.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Our pre-printed shoe boxes have arrived along with leaflets showing suggested contents, which have been sent home in book bags. The boxes are 40p and are now available from the school office.

Boxes will need to be in school by Monday 13th November. For details of what to include etc please go to the charity website: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/ Please help us reach our goal of 60 shoe boxes. Thank you.

YEAR 1 - Tomorrow we bid farewell and good luck to Miss Lee! Thank you for all your hard work in helping all to achieve their best together. Next term we welcome Mrs Harris to the team, who will be our new Year 1 teacher. Year 1 parents will have an opportunity to meet her after drop off tomorrow morning.

SCHOOL NETBALL TEAM –

Congratulations to the school netball team who won three matches and drew one in the recent inter schools tournament. They played very well as a team and we are very proud of them! They have earned a place in the B&NES finals next April. Thank you to all of our supporters.



SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM - Well done to the school team who played brilliantly against Wansdyke Primary School on Tuesday. Despite losing 3-2 the children played with Commitment and determination!



THANK YOU PTA – We would like to say a big 'thank you' to the PTA for generously purchasing £500 worth of new books to update our library collection. The children are excited and looking forward to reading them!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – The after school club form for Years 1 to 6 has been sent home in book bags. Please ensure your completed forms are returned by Monday 6th November and payment is made on Parentpay. Thank you.

CHOIR – Please note - The after school club for the school choir has been changed to Monday lunch times from next term.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT! The new playground equipment has been installed and will be ready to use after the break! This has been funded partly by the National Lottery and partly by the PTA. Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in setting up events that raise the funds, and thank you to parents and children for attending and contributing to the school!

PLAY EQUIPMENT READING CHALLENGE - We are launching a reading challenge over the holiday! Children need to read a book during the October break and complete a book review for it (below). Each child who does this over the holiday will be given priority on the play equipment after the break! Read a book, write a review and be first on the new climbing frame!

My name:	My class:
Book name:	Author's name:
What this book was about:	
I enjoyed it because:	
I would make it better by:	
Score out of 10:	

RECEPTION – Please check your child's clothes to ensure they belong to them as when the children get changed for PE they can easily mistake another child's clothing for their own. Please return any clothes that is not yours. Thank you.

SICKNESS – If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, our school policy states that the child should be kept home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. Please do not send your child back to school early as this may spread the virus to other children. Thank you.

END OF DAY COLLECTION – Children are told to come back into school at the end of the day if a parent or carer is not there to collect them. Please do not take a friend's child home thinking that you are helping them without informing the school, as this panics the parents when they turn up and the school staff. If you are running late or would like your child to be collected by another person, please inform either the teacher or the office staff. Thank you.

THIS WEEKS' ATTENDANCE RESULTS!

RECEPTION: 93%

Year 1: 97.3%

Year 2: 95.4%

Year 3: 96.9%

Year 4: 94.8%

Year 5: 95.7%

Year 6: 97.4%

THE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE YEAR 6!

Year 6 will receive 10 minutes extra play time!

THE HOUSE WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS **OAK** WITH 97%

PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work, which will go into a 'showcase' book for visitors to view in the school office. Photos can be viewed on the website shortly!

This week's children are:

YEAR 1: Shyann and Freddie have been praised – Rachael has received the showcase award

YEAR 2: Mia has been praised – Harry B has received the showcase award

YEAR 3: The whole of the class have been praised – Jamie has received the showcase award

YEAR 4: Harry has been praised – Charlie has received the showcase award

YEAR 5: Megan has been praised – Beth has received the showcase award

YEAR 6: Colston has been praised – Archie and Kyle have received the showcase award