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Dear Parents & Guardians,

21/11/25

It's been a cold week, but we've kept warm and busy with exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum!

As the colder weather looks set to continue, please ensure children come to school with a coat and, if they wish, hats and gloves. This will allow them to enjoy our wonderful outdoor environment and take part in playtime and lunchtime activities comfortably.

The Importance of Attendance in Education

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success. Every day in school counts, each lesson builds on the last and missing even a few days can create gaps in learning that are hard to fill. Good attendance helps children develop strong academic foundations, build confidence, and form positive habits that will benefit them throughout life.

Research shows that pupils with high attendance achieve better outcomes, both academically and socially. Conversely, frequent absences can lead to lower attainment, reduced engagement, and difficulties keeping up with peers.

Our Commitment to Improving Attendance

As a school, we are working hard to ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed. Here's what we're doing:

- **Early Support:** We monitor attendance closely and reach out quickly if patterns of absence emerge, offering support to families where needed.
- **Positive Communication:** We celebrate good attendance and share its benefits with pupils and parents.
- **Removing Barriers:** Where attendance is affected by challenges—such as health, transport, or family circumstances—we work together to find practical solutions.
- **Collaborative Approach:** We partner with parents and carers, because improving attendance is a shared responsibility.

Together, we can make sure every child enjoys the full benefit of their education. Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority.

Spook-tacular Success! 🎃

Before the half-term break, our amazing PTA treated the school to another fantastic event, the Halloween Disco! It was a brilliant evening that not only raised an incredible amount of funds for future school projects but also gave our children a night to remember. Building on the success of previous discos, this year's event was even better thanks to the hard work and creativity of everyone involved. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped plan, organise, and run the evening, you made it happen!

The photos say it all: the children had an amazing time dancing, laughing, and celebrating together. Events like these remind us how special our school community is. Want to get involved in the next event? Keep an eye out for upcoming PTA announcements, we'd love to see you there! A huge thank you to Pola for the fantastic photos, they are brilliant.



We are thrilled to announce our nativity this year, "A Miracle in Town"! We have split the performances into key stages. Please see the dates and times below:

Nursery and all Reception (from Dart & Taw) children: **Monday 8th December 9.30-10am**

Year One and Two (from Taw, Avon & Beacon) children: **Tuesday 9th December 9.15-9.45am and 2.15-2.45pm**



We will not be administering tickets this year, but we will be adding a three adult limit per child, per performance. Adults will be asked to sign in before the performance for fire regulations.

The staff were over the moon to win a competition for some delicious cakes. **A Slice of Heaven from Devon** kindly brought some wonderful treats for the staff as we won the most votes from an online competition. Thank you so much if you voted for us and a huge thank you to Sue, it was a gratefully received treat!



Choir Coffee Morning

Our wonderful school choir sang at the Assembly Rooms today for the Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning. It was great to be a part of this community event.



Upcoming Events

Monday 1st Dec Nasal Flu Vaccination
Friday 5th of Dec Lantern Parade
Tuesday 9th Dec KS1 Nativity AM & PM performances
Friday 19th December last day of term
Tuesday 6th January first day of term
Thursday 12th Feb Class photos
Full term dates for the year are on our website



I hope you all have restful weekend.

Mr Parkin



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