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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with our last minute closure on Thursday due to the extreme weather forecast. We always make every effort to keep the school open but the safety of children, staff and families is our one number one priority and will always take precedence over any other considerations. Thank you again for helping us to ensure the safety of our school community.

Environmental Prize 2023

Due to the disruption this week we will be announcing the winners for this year on Monday in assembly. The Eco-committee had a tough job with so many fantastic ideas put forward so thank you to everyone who took part. There are some great ideas for us to move forwards with and we look forward to working with children to enact them through the year.



Reading Cup - Dunkery Class

As you will know from our newsletter before half term, Dunkery Class won the reading cup last half term and have been rewarded with a non uniform day just for their class. As the school was closed yesterday this will be rescheduled for Thursday 9th November 2023. This will be for **Dunkery Class Only**.

Parent Forum - Thursday 30th November 2023, 8.45am

We would like to start a regular parent forum which would be a chance for parents to talk with the senior leadership team around different areas of school life and be a general chance to ask any questions or make suggestions. The first of these will take place on Thursday 30th November 2023 at 8.45am in Lyn Classroom. This will be around the School Improvement Plan and the strategic direction of the school. Mrs Charles-Jones and I will both attend the forum so please do come along. We will of course provide tea/coffee and biscuits! If you have any comments or suggestions in the meantime please do let either of us know. Future parent forums will be held on different days and times to cater for different parents' commitments.

Children in Need Cake Sale- Friday 17th November 3.15pm

We would like to support BBC Children in Need this year by holding a cake sale. This will be happening in the school hall straight after school on Friday 17th November. As always, we would be very grateful for any cake donations that clearly label any allergens and are **nut free**. We were very pleased with the success of our cake sale last year for the Prince's Trust, and we hope we are able to match the same amount for this wonderful charity too! Children need to wear their normal school uniform on this day.

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IN NEED**



Parent Volunteers

Teachers will also mention how parents can volunteer in their child's class and I would like to tell you briefly about some of the other ways parents or family members can help out and volunteer around the school. Firstly, we really value any part you can play in helping the school and we would love to welcome as many parents or family members into school as possible. There are a variety of ways to help so I have listed some of the below. If you feel like you would like to help out in any of these ways or in any other way then please just let me, the school office or the class teacher. I am usually outside around the school in the morning and happy to chat about this or anything else.



- Governor - working with the governing board and SLT to make strategic decisions about the school
- PTA member - helping the school to raise vital funds that improve the school
- Trips and sports events
- Reading across the school
- General support in the classroom
- Gardening or outdoor learning support

It was lovely to see the children's scarecrows at the honey farm pick your own Pumpkin event, the children thoroughly enjoyed making them.



Attendance

In a school year, this equates to:



Children's attendance matters - It is every child's right to receive an education.

Our aim is for children's attendance to be 96% or more to help them reach their full potential.

This week's attendance: 93.22%

Children arriving after registration at 8:45am will be classed in our registers as 'Late'. All late children must report to the office to register.

School finishes at 3:15pm however if something unexpected happens and you're running late, please let us know to make arrangements for your child. We offer a breakfast and after school club everyday allowing you to book your children in if you are not able to collect them at 3:15pm.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mr Parkin

Upcoming Events

After School Clubs Monday 6th November - Friday 8th of December

Christmas shop - Deadline Monday 6th Nov.

EYFS (reception) Open Days Tuesday 7th November 1.45pm & 2.15pm

Monday 20th November at 1.45pm please complete a Google form to book in: Google

<https://forms.gle/27DoPVkaZtQndZM86>

Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December 3.30-5pm



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