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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a very happy, relaxed half term break. We have a busy term ahead as we head towards the end of 2017!

### **Defibrillator in school**

This week the children in Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in some basic first aid training. The training gave the children some basic life-saving skills. The training was provided by Connor Saunders Foundation. They are a charity that are aiming to get defibrillators into as many public spaces as possible. We were the 68<sup>th</sup> location which they have been able to provide one of these life saving devices and it is now installed just outside the office. There is absolutely no risk to the children, as it will only start if someone is suffering cardiac arrest.

To find out more about the Connor foundation please visit their website <http://www.connors5.com/>.

To help support the charity, we will be fundraising for the Connor Saunders Foundation in the year ahead.

### **Monsters Ball**

Huge thank you to the Fundraising Team and everyone who helped out organising and running our Monsters Ball. The children had a fantastic time and the costumes and make up were **AMAZING**.



### **Christmas Fair Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm-5.30pm**

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching and we are looking forward to another fantastic event organised by our Fundraising Team.

There will be three non-uniform days leading up to the fair. These have been outlined in the Fundraising Team letter out today.

The dates are as follows.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November -Luxury Hamper items (or donation of £1)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December- Reception, Year 1&2- Filled jars (decorated if you wish) or donation of £1

Years 3, 4,5 & 6- Bottles for bottle tombola, preferably alcohol or donation of £1

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fair day- Cakes for cake stall or donation of £1.

If you are able to offer any help at the Fair, please complete the form at the bottom of the Christmas Fair letter from the Fundraising Team.



## **Children in Need Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

This year for Children in Need day it will be 'Pyjama Day' at Whytemead. Children can come dressed in their Pyjamas for the day and make a £1 donation to Children in Need.

## **Christmas performances**

The dates for the Christmas performances are listed below.

Reception children Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm

Year 1 and 2 children Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children (carol concert) Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm

All the performances will be in Broadwater Baptist Church. We are very grateful to the church for allowing us to use their building and it makes these performances very special for everyone involved.

### **We have some children who have a severe nut allergy.**

To reduce the risk to these children we would like to remind parents to try and avoid products containing nuts in lunchboxes if your child is bringing a packed lunch.

## **Parking**

If you see anyone parking in an illegal manner or driving without due care, please call Crimestoppers on 0800555111. As a school, we can only encourage parents to park considerately whereas the police have the power to enforce.

## **Safeguarding- Parental Controls online.**

The digital age has changed what it means to be a child. There are some things that children don't want to see online and that you, as a parent, would rather they didn't. Parental controls are the names for filters and blockers of certain content, and can help you protect your children from the things they shouldn't see or do online. The following website will give you guidance on how to set up parental controls. <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

## **Best wishes**

Gavin Ward

Got something to say?

If you any comment to make about the school information, decisions, events, questions- anything at all; you can write these down and leave in a sealed envelope with the office staff. This can be anonymous, although I can only respond to you if your name is included.

Head teacher

## Diary Dates

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Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 3/4 Trip	Butser Farm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraising Team meeting	2pm in school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to return photo order	
	New intake parents meetings	9.30am & 1.30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need	Come to school in pyjamas for £1 donation
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Flu nasal spray	Yrs R- 4 in school
	Non uniform day	Hamper items or £1 donation
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5 Trip	British Museum
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non uniform day	Yrs R-2 Fill the jar, yrs 3-6 bottle tombola or £1 donation
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Non uniform day	Cakes or £1 donation
	Christmas Fair	3.30-5.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas performance	2pm, Broadwater Baptist Church
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Yrs 1&2 (KS1) Christmas performance	9.30am, Broadwater Baptist Church
	Yrs 3-6 Carol concert	2pm, Broadwater Baptist Church
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of autumn term	

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