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Dear Parents/Carers

Children in Need

Thank you very much for your donations towards the BBC Children in Need appeal last Friday. It was lovely to see the children in their spotty and colourful items of clothing. We raised £370.

Anti-Bullying Week

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, this week has been National Anti-Bullying Week and each class has been discussing bullying, what it is and its impact on people's mental health and well-being. The children were reminded about what constitutes bullying and the acronym STOP – Several Times On Purpose. Bullying is not a one-off incident or indeed something that has happened a couple of times, it is behaviour by an individual (or group) towards another individual that happens several times and is deliberately unpleasant, either physically or emotionally through the use of unkind words. We have posters up around school and the playground reminding the children of the STOP acronym.

Several classes in the Juniors did an activity that involved cutting up paper figures and describing feelings of hurt, and discussed the school's Anti-Bullying Charter. The Year Six classes also wrote letters to a fictional bully about how they would have felt if they were being bullied. Other classes read poetry about bullying feelings and made posters. In the Reception class, they read the book 'Barry and the Fish with Fingers' about how people feel when mean things are said to them. The Year One children discussed how to be a good friend and made certificates for each other. Please have a chat with your children about what they have been doing to learn more about bullying.

Christmas Lunch

We have decided that Christmas Lunch will take place this year, with a slight difference, on Wednesday 16th December. Our caterers, The School Lunch Company, will provide a full traditional Christmas lunch, as they do every year, for everyone that would like one. Normally we squeeze into the hall in two or three sittings and the staff serve the children. Clearly we cannot do this as we cannot mix bubbles and therefore the staff will deliver the trays of food to the children in the classrooms, with the exception of the Reception and Year One classes who will eat at the opposite ends of the hall. The Year Six classes, because it is their last Christmas lunch, will also eat in the hall after it has been cleaned. Crackers will be provided by the BSA and there will be Christmas music playing throughout the school. We would also like to encourage the children to wear their Christmas jumpers for the day. Although it won't be the same as the usual massed gathering in the hall, I hope the children will enjoy it. Please be assured that it will be organised with military precision to ensure the food is still hot when it reaches the classrooms. The lunch should be paid for via ParentPay in the usual way.



BSA Hampers

The BSA are organising a Christmas Raffle, which would normally take place as part of the Christmas Fayre. They would like donations of food, drink and smellies brought in on Friday 27th November. In return, the children can come to school in non-uniform for the day. Raffle tickets can be purchased via ParentPay "BSA Events" and cost £1 each. Please include the reference "Raffle" in the comments box and the numbers of tickets you would like to buy.

BSA Family Quiz

As you know, there will be an online family quiz, organised by the BSA on Sunday 29th November at 6.00pm. Please see the BSA newsletter for more details and the BSA Facebook page.

Christmas Present Appeal

Witney Baby Bank, in partnership with Home Start Witney and West Oxfordshire, have launched a local Christmas gift appeal. If you feel you can help to ensure no child in our community is disappointed this Christmas, and can donate a gift, please send or deliver the new toy (unwrapped) to 98 Eton Close, Witney, OX28 3GB. Alternatively, we will have a box for donations of toys by the gate on Wednesday 2nd December. Please do let us know in confidence if you are struggling with affording Christmas-related things at this most difficult time.

PE Kit

The wearing of PE kit to school on PE days is working well. However, I would like to remind families that our PE kit should be a white top and navy or black bottoms, and a tracksuit during this cold weather. I have noticed a variety of colours coming through the gate in recent weeks. Thank you for your support with this.

Many thanks again for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne
Headteacher

