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Dear Parents/carers

What a busy week for the children this week.

It was lovely to see Mr and Mrs Whitechurch this week who came in to collect our old Collins Primary Maths books and also some out of date reading books, they were delighted to receive so many generous donations from you all and asked us to pass on their thanks. They will be leaving for Uganda tomorrow but will pop in to pick up the rest of the donations and money raised from the sale of coffee today. They will also be taking with them letters from pupils in year 5/6. They have promised to come into school on their return to talk to the children and share photographs of the school.

Preschool have had a very busy week. On Monday we went on a Senses Scavenger Hunt, finding items that were smooth, rough, noisy, round, yellow, a plant, smelly, long, man-made, soft, edible and red. On Tuesday we went to The Woods, where we built a real fire, toasted marshmallows and drank hot chocolate. On Wednesday we cooked Cheesy Pumpkin Biscuits and played in the shaving foam using our feet! And on Thursday we joined in with the Harvest Festival, singing two songs with Class 1.

Class 1 have been making fruit crumble with the apples they picked from the school grounds and Mrs Withers garden. They are very happy with the lovely new gate and have also been enjoying decorating their beautiful new bright coloured display boards, it has helped transform the classroom thank you so much to those that stayed to help put them up last Friday. They children have also been writing some lovely autumn poems for their new noticeboards.

We are excited to announce that a play house with a slide is being installed today and tomorrow, rubber matting will also be laid during half term so that it is ready for the children when they come back.

Class 2 have been making fossils, as well as learning about past, present and future. In Maths they have been learning all about weights and measures. They have also been rehearsing their play for today's Harvest Festival.

Class 3 and Year 4 have been busy rehearsing for their Harvest festival presentations and have been studying fractions in Maths. They are working hard learning their times tables; children should know all their tables confidently by the end of year 4. Our target this year is to ensure every child in years 4-6 has achieved this by Christmas. We really appreciate your support in helping your children learn this very important skill, some children find using online games and apps really helps with this.

Class 3 have also been writing letters to their penpals at the Father Omeding Foundation nursery and primary school in Uganda

Update on works in school

The Fence by Class 1 is nearly complete and work will be continuing over half term. The children have really enjoyed watching the diggers and the men at work. They are currently completing the hard core area below the community hall which will house their work stations and facilities while work is ongoing. They are also creating car parking spaces for staff as the current staff carpark will not be available once work begins. The hard core area will then remain for use by the community once work is complete.

Dates to Remember

Friday 20th October- Closed for INSET DAY	Thursday 7 th December- School play, evening performance
Monday 23 rd October- Friday 27 th October- HALF TERM	Thursday 7 th December- Flu nasal spray Reception- year 4
Monday 30 th October- closed for INSET DAY	Tuesday 12 th December- Carol Service
Weds 1 st November- Parent consultation meetings 3.20-5.30	Weds 13 th Dec- Christmas lunch & party
Monday 4 th December- School play Dress Rehearsal	Thursday 14 th December- Year 1 Hearing screens
Weds 6 th December- School play Matinee	Weds 20 th December-INSET DAY
	Thursday 21 st December- Christmas holidays begin

Cornish & Devon

If you haven't already seen it this week our children are in the Cornish and Devon post so make sure you get your copy! If you would like a copy of the photo the Cornish and Devon will let you have one for £5. Please speak to Miss Hicks if you would like a copy.

Shoreline

It is disappointing that we had to cancel this trip on Monday but with the gale force winds we are very happy that we did. We will look to reschedule this in the summer term.

Music Lesson Update

We understand some parents are concerned that their children will not receive the correct number of peripetetic music lessons due to clashes with other school commitments. We have spoken to Mrs Degener and Mrs Thomas and they will ensure that they catch up on any missed lessons, if for any reason they are not able to do so then you will receive a refund.

Recorders

A number of children from year 3-6 have expressed interest in learning the recorder, Mrs Robertson has agreed to start 20 minute lessons during Wednesday afternoons after half term (will make sure it doesn't clash with any other music lessons). The lessons will be free however the children will need a good quality descant recorder. We do have some in school to purchase at a cost of £5 each. If your child already owns a recorder please speak to Mrs Robertson before buying a new one. If your child is interested please fill in the form below.

FOWS Christmas Willow Workshop

FOWS are holding a Christmas Willow Workshop on Friday 15th December at the Canworthy Water Sunday Rooms. They have 2 sessions, morning of wreath making and afternoon making stars and hearts. Please contact Katie Webb on 07810822090 to hold and place. Full payment will be needed by Friday 1st December.

INSET DAYS

Another reminder that we have an inset day Friday 20th October (tomorrow) and Monday 31st October.

Text service

We are looking into setting up a text service so that we can send alerts and reminders about events in school. Would you please log onto ParentPay and add your mobile number and also fill in the form attached. We will be unable to offer this service unless the majority of parents give us this information. If you have forgotten your login details then you are able to reset your password online. If you have not yet set up your parent pay account please contact Miss Hicks who will be in the office Friday 20th and Monday the 30th.

Consent forms

As we mentioned a few weeks ago we have set up a twitter account. The consent forms that we have for your children are somewhat out of date so we would be really grateful if you would complete the new forms attached and return to Miss Hicks after half term.

Have a lovely half term and see you all on the 31st.

I would like my child _____ to take part in recorder lessons.

Signed _____