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Dear Parents/Carers

Cross Country

The Batt took a record 29 children to compete in the West Oxfordshire Cross Country championships near Bicester yesterday morning. In challenging, wet conditions, teams from the Lower Juniors and Upper Juniors competed well against approximately 200 children in each race. Our Upper Junior girls did particularly well, with 4 finishers in the top 25 places, winning the trophy for the second year in a row. They now progress through to the County finals later in the year. Congratulations to everyone that took part.

School Photographers

The school photographers will be in school on Thursday 7th November to take portrait photographs of the children. You will have received a letter explaining that if your child has a brother or sister in school, they will be photographed together unless you specifically request, by emailing the school office, that they are photographed individually. We also offer the opportunity for family portraits after school, between 3.45 and 6.00pm. The letter included a booking form for this, or alternatively, please contact the school office.

School Council/UK Parliament Week

The School Council have been listening to their classmates and decided that their first objective should be to stop the use of plastic cutlery at lunchtimes (this currently happens with the pudding option on a Friday). The children, quite rightly, pointed out that single use plastic cutlery is both wasteful and damaging to the environment. We are delighted that the kitchen staff have agreed to this change and will cease to use this type of cutlery from next term. Inspired by this success, Daniel and Spencer, Year 6 school councillors, have lodged an e-petition via the UK Parliament website. The petition has received the required support within school to take it to the next stage and we are confident it will be on the UK Parliament website from next week. Should the petition, 'The Batt School Council would like single use plastic cutlery and straws banned from UK schools', receive 10 000 likes, it will be mentioned in Parliament, and in the event of it receiving 100,000 likes it would be debated in the House of Commons. The children will have opportunities to learn more about the workings of the UK parliament after Half Term during UK Parliament Week.

Parent Governor

Chris Mitty will be coming to the end of his term as Parent Governor shortly. He has supported the school significantly during his four-year term, especially in relation to his particular expertise – management and development of premises and health and safety. I am pleased that Chris is willing to stand again for the role of Parent Governor but this is a democratic process and therefore we are opening the role up for others as well. If you have a particular knowledge of, or expertise in, premises-related work, and are interested in putting yourself forward for the role of Parent Governor, please come and have a chat with me about what being a Governor involves and the process of nominating etc.

Football Match

Well done to our football team who won their latest league match 2-1 against Tower Hill on Monday. With goals from Jacob H and Bay, we looked to be cruising to a comfortable win, but Tower Hill fought back in the second half to set up a tense finish.



Movie Night

I hope the children enjoyed the BSA Movie Night on Wednesday. I would like to thank everyone that stayed to help to supervise and provide the refreshments.

Lunch Menu After Half Term

The School Lunch Company will be changing the menu after Half Term; you will have received a copy of this already. It is also available on our website under the 'For Parents' tab. I hope the children enjoy the new options.

Pantomime -Beauty and the Beast

The letters went out last week for the whole school visit to the pantomime on Tuesday 10th December. Thank you to everyone who has paid on ParentPay so far. If you have not received a letter about this, please contact the school office. We appreciate that not everyone can afford £14 per child and would ask that anyone struggling with this payment come and see either me or Sharon Bark as soon as possible. This is always a popular event for parent helpers and with so many staff, we often cannot use everyone, so please let Sharon know if you would like to be considered, but please be aware that we only have limited seats. The Reception pupils are expected to have an adult attend with them, and we would be grateful if you could let us know who will be coming along with your child as soon as you can. If parent helpers are able to contribute towards their ticket this would help us enormously. Thank you.

Box Clever Stationery

The BSA will once again be organising the opportunity to purchase stationery items such as calendars, diaries, wall planners etc in time for Christmas. Order forms will be available after Half Term. For more information, please visit www.boxcleverpress.com.

I hope you all enjoy the Half Term holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th November.

Yours sincerely

Chris Payne
Headteacher

