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No. 8

Dear Parents and Carers

The last day before half-term was House Day, when the children elect the house captains for the year ahead. We are delighted to be able to let you know that the following children have been elected to serve as house captains this year:

Hurricanes - Keira C and Olli; Lancaster - Abi and Seth; Spitfires - Isla and Dom; Concordes - Rosie and Finley.

Creative week/Remembrance

For the whole of next week, we will mark the centenary of the end of WWI with a week of remembrance in school. As part of our *Lest We Forget* topic, all the children are going to work with members of the community and a team of skilful parent volunteers to create a range of artwork, film, writing and drama pieces that will enrich their learning in meaningful and memorable ways. All parents are invited into school on Friday afternoon (9th November) at 2pm to share a remembrance assembly and tour the school to view the children's work. We are very grateful to all the parents who have volunteered their time and talents and hope to see you in school next week.

A message from Katie Crawford, who is coordinating the activities next week: Please can you ensure your child / children bring an old shirt / long sleeved top to school for the whole week as they'll be taking part in lots of paint based activities which could get messy. Also, if anyone has any old newspaper, scraps of black and red fabric, empty cereal boxes and empty clean jam jars they are willing to donate we'd be very grateful. Please drop them into the office on Monday. And don't forget to come along to the Open Afternoon on Friday 9th to see the children's work.

Poppies

We will continue to support the annual Poppy Appeal next week. The children are very welcome to bring in a small donation to put in the collection box, which will be brought around the classes by the Year 6 children regularly. All poppies are the sticker variety.

Bluebells class assembly

In this week's class assembly, Bluebells were amazing history detectives. They have learned so much by comparing life in 2018 with life a hundred years ago. The differences in toys, homes, food and school were all explained before they shared a bread-baking song with everyone. The assembly finished with the children sharing what they are thankful for. Well done Bluebells!

Christmas fair without Father Christmas?

The annual school Christmas fair is scheduled for Friday 30th November 4pm-6pm but we will be unable to run this in the usual way if we don't have enough volunteers to help. In total, FODs need a team of 45 volunteers to donate an hour of their time between 1.30pm and 7pm to set up, run stalls and tidy away. If we can't manage this then the Christmas fair will be pared back to run for half an hour after school with just class stalls.

The Christmas fair has always been a great start to the festive season and a visit to see Father Christmas has been a magical experience for many of the children.

Please help us to keep this going.

FODs are currently working on a schedule that parents can sign up to. Please email fods.email@gmail.com to offer your support.

Pret-a Portrait photographers

The photographers (new this year!) will be in school on Thursday 8th November.

They will take photos of the children individually and with their school siblings. If you would like to bring younger children in for a family photo, these will be taken after school in the hall. There's a poster attached to the website about this, but please note that it's just turn up and wait, rather than booking a slot via Reception.

The photographers will be producing a variety of poses for you to choose from and other schools have been very happy with the results.

Craft Club

We are very excited that a new lunchtime club for KS2 children will be starting on Wednesday 7th November. For the rest of this term they will be working on small craft items to sell at the School Christmas Fair. There is no charge to attend this club and the children will be able to buy their creations at cost price. Please email the school office if your child is interested in coming along – first, come, first served. Numbers are limited so if the club proves popular, children who miss out this time will have another chance next term.

Lisa Wood and Carolyn Meadows

DX Club AGM - Wednesday 14 November, 7.00 pm

Please see the poster on the website about the AGM, to which all are very welcome.

Grandparents Day - Friday 23 November

Please see the invitation letter on the school website. We'd be grateful if you could make sure your children's grandparents receive this!

Attachments are now available on the school website. This week you can find:

Grandparents Day letter

DX AGM poster

Family photo poster

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Blackburne-Maze

Headteacher

Lunches for week beginning Monday 5th November

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Hot dogs for Bonfire Night	Veggie hot dogs	Ham roll with salad
Tuesday	BBQ chicken	Quiche	Egg roll
Wednesday	Roast turkey	Quorn fillet	Chicken mayo salad wrap
Thursday	Corned beef hash	Cheese & tomato pizza	Cheese salad wrap
Friday	Fish fingers	Quorn dippers	Tuna & cucumber baguette

FODS Announcement

Thank you to those who attended last night's FODS AGM. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday 8th November at 7pm at school. Any parents interested in joining the committee please do come along. It's a great way to get involved and support the fundraising FODS do for the pupils. We meet 6 times a year and are always keen to welcome new members.

Thank you,
FODS

Diary Dates

Monday 5 th - Friday 8 th November	Creative Week
Thursday 8 November	Individual and family photos
Friday 9 November	Remembrance assembly, 2.00 pm, followed by open afternoon for Creative Week
Wednesday 14 November, 7.00 pm	DX Club AGM
Thursday 15 November	Hawks class assembly
Friday 23 November	Grandparents' Day
Friday 30 November	Christmas Fair, 4.00-6.00 pm
Wednesday 5 December, 9.30 am	Reception/KS1 nativity performance
Thursday 6 December, 6.00 pm	Reception/KS1 nativity performance
Wednesday 19 December	Autumn term closes
Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January	Professional days - school closed to pupils
Monday 7 January	Spring term starts
Friday 8 February	School disco
Monday 18 to Friday 24 February	Half-term
Friday 5 April	Spring term closes

