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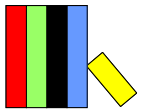
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Date: Friday, 24th October 2014

Dear Parents,

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday, 3rd November 2014.



Be Informed

School Photographs

As a reminder, Tempest will be in school on Tuesday, 4th November for the annual school photographs. For those who have requested family photographs that include siblings from Pre-School, these will be taken first from approximately 8.40am.

Thank you

Robinwood 2015!

Robinwood activity centre have contacted us to offer similar dates for next year's residential visits prior to offering out to other schools. The provisional dates booked are as follows:

Lions Class 2015 (This is children who are currently in year 2 and 3)

A one night residential at Robinwood Activity Centre (Old School House)
Monday, 19th October 2015 – Tuesday, 20th October 2015
Cost £69.00 per child (not including transport costs)

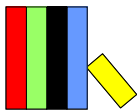
Eagles Class 2015 (This is children who are currently in year 4 and 5)

Two nights residential at Robinwood Activity Centre (Dobroyd Castle)
Monday, 28th September 2015 – Wednesday, 30th September 2015
Cost £203 per child (not including transport costs)

The maximum number of pupils allocated for each residential is 26 and we must therefore offer places on a first come first serve basis. This is guidance from Robinwood as there are only two activity groups available per residential visit and for insurance purposes these groups only allow a maximum of 13 children in each.

I have set both visits up as a deposit payment of £10 of parentpay. If you would like to book a place for your child please make payment onto parentpay over half term and I will then be confirming numbers to both activity centres on our return on Monday, 3rd November.

Thank you



Be Informed

School Dinner payments for the next half term

The dinner amounts owing for the next half term for children in year 3 and above are as follows:

If your child a school dinner every day, the amount outstanding is £75.25 (35 meals @ £2.15)

One meal per week = £15.05

Two meals per week = £30.10

Three meals per week = £45.15

Four meals per week = £60.20

When making payment onto parentpay, please take into account any debits/credits that may be showing on your account.

Can we please remind you that school dinners must be paid for in advance of the half term commencing and must therefore be paid before Monday, 3rd November 2014?

Thank you

Half Term Attendance Figure

Our percentage attendance figure for this half term is 96%.

Pupil Emergency Contact Update Forms

There are still quite a few outstanding pupils update forms that were sent out at the beginning of this term. If you haven't already done so, please return this form as soon as possible. It is vital we have up to date contact information.

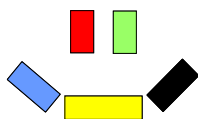
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Book Club

Book club leaflets are being sent home this week for you to have a browse over the half term break. Orders need to be received at the school office by Friday, 14th November please.

Should any orders be for Christmas presents and you therefore don't want the books passing out to children when they arrive, please just pop a note in with your order to this affect.

Thank you



Be Happy

Parents & Friends – Fundraising Fashion Show

Tickets are now on sale for the Chain Reaxtion fundraising fashion show taking place on Tuesday, 4th November at 7pm in the school hall.

Tickets cost £3 and include a glass of wine. Tickets are available from the school office.

There will be a small bar with refreshments on the evening too.

Please come along with your friends and family and support this event whilst treating yourself at the same time!

A lot of hard work has gone into arranging this event and we are now reliant on ticket sales.

Unfortunately, if we do not sell enough tickets we will have no option other than to cancel the event which would be a real shame.

Thank you



Operation Christmas Child

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are sending home 'Operation Christmas Child' leaflets tonight. Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Children's Christmas project. Instructions on how to make up the shoe box are given on the leaflet. Maybe you could spend time making up a shoe box during half term?

Could we please ask that any completed shoe boxes are brought into school during the first week back after half term?

Thank you

Sponsored walk for Bluebell Wood Hospice and Mitochondrial Disease

On Saturday, 25th October 2014 Mrs Holt, Mrs Nickels and Mrs Clarke will be participating in an 18.5 mile walk in aid of the Bluebell Wood Hospice and Mitochondrial disease.

If you would like to sponsor them, please see Mrs Holt, Mrs Nickels or Mrs Clarke.

Thank you for your support.

Bags2School

Our next Bags2School fundraiser is on Friday, 14th November 2014. Bags are being sent home with children tonight. If you are having a clear out over half term or have any unwanted clothes, please pop them in the bag and return it on the morning of Friday, 14th November.

For every tonne of clothes collected we receive £400 for school funds.

Thank you for your support



Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for children in year 3 will commence after the February half term. The lessons will be at Askern pool on a Friday afternoon. More details will follow nearer the time.

Thank you



School Grounds

If children choose to use the school grounds during the half term break, can we please ask that they do so with respect? As a reminder anyone using the grounds out of school hours do so at their own risk.

Thank you

Important dates for your Diary

Collective Worship

2nd Monday of each month (1pm)

Key Future Dates

School Closes	Friday, 24 th October 2014
School Opens	Monday, 3 rd November 2014
School Photographs	Tuesday, 4 th November 2014 (9am)
Chain Reaxtions Fashion Show	Tuesday, 4 th November 2014 (7pm)
Bags2School	Friday, 14 th November 2014
Christmas Fair – School Hall	Saturday, 22 nd November 2014
KS1 Christmas Production	Wednesday, 10 th December 2014 (2pm)
KS2 Christmas Production	Friday, 12 th December 2014 (2pm)
KS2 Christmas Production (Womersley Hall)	Monday, 15 th December 2014 (6pm)
Christmas Church Service	Wednesday, 17 th December 2014 (2pm)
School Closes	Friday, 19 th December 2014

Kind Regards,
Mrs A Marner (Admin)

Church News

Church Christmas Fair – Saturday, 29th November 11-2pm
Unfortunately the Christmas Fair has been postponed until spring. We do intend holding a Church stall at the School Christmas Fair on Saturday, 22nd December.
Thank you

Church Yard Tales

Friday, 31st October 2014 @ 6pm
Meet on the Green with a torch (If you're brave enough!!)
Hear a story and enjoy refreshments in Church afterwards.
Children must be accompanied by an adult
