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Dear Parents/ Carer

Welcome back to a term packed with exciting events and learning opportunities. We have trips to the theatre, science assemblies, theatre workshops and KS1 nativities planned.

Value

This term's value is Compassion. Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone. This will be a time to reflect on how we show kindness and respect to one another, how we can help those in need and how we can nurture, support and empathise with each other.

Change of Date

Since the publication of the term dates, the government has announced that there will be a change to one of the dates. The Bank Holiday is now on Friday 8th May, **NOT** Monday 4th May as indicated on the calendar on the school website. The reason for this unusual change in calendar dates is for a special reason. The bank holiday will now mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Open Afternoon

The classes will be open from 2.45pm on Thursday 7th November. This will be a time for your child to share their books with you and discuss their learning with you. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to discuss your child's learning with the class teacher on that day, as their responsibility lies with the teaching and learning of the whole class.

Weather permitting, there will also be a chance to donate and plant in the Sensory Garden.

Plastic Bottle tops

Please continue to collect and send these in.

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Nativities

The children in Reception. Year 1 and 2 will be performing our Nativity this year. There will be 3 performances of 'Lights, Camel, action!' These will take place on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December at 1.30pm. Tickets will be limited to two per family, to ensure that everyone has a chance to attend.

Homework Policy

Following the questionnaire and the meeting of the Homework policy working Party, our new Homework Policy will be shared with you later this term. This will then be in place from January 2020.

Curriculum Overviews

One of the focuses of the TD Day's in October was the curriculum. During this time staff evaluated the intent of our curriculum and looked at the shaping of each year groups curriculum. These have now been redesigned and will be available for parents later this term and they will be available on the website.

Safety

The issue of the safety of parking at school drop off and collection times has been raised again. One positive solution that has been raised is the idea of a walking bus. This is where parents or volunteers walk the children in convoy to school from an agreed point. There would need to be the correct ratio of adults to children for this to happen and parents and volunteers that volunteered to do this would need to have an Enhanced DBS Clearance. This is something that the school could look into if there was an expression of interest in volunteers to organise a walking bus.

Website

This will be under review this term, please bear with us whilst this takes place.

Reminders

- There is a variety of Remembrance Day items for sale in school. Children can bring in a small donation to purchase these this week.
- The school photographer will be visiting on 14th November.
- Children in Need will be held on 15th November. Children can wear non-uniform on that day, for a small donation to the charity.
- The author Steve Clifford will be visiting KS1 on 22nd November. Book signing after school if you wish to purchase a book.
- Christmas Lunch can now be ordered through Dolce.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Warburton and Mrs Cook