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Dear Parent/Carer

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Welcome back! I hope you all had a good half term break.

Value for Life

The value for this term is *Generosity*. God's generosity is best described as 'grace', love given freely without limit or conditions. This generosity, once experienced and acknowledged by an individual can in turn release a generous spirit towards others.

Staff changes

I am sorry to have to tell you that both Mrs Merry and Mrs Rees will be retiring at Christmas. I would like to thank them both for all their hard work with the school over the years and wish them well in their retirement. I will inform you as soon as possible regarding their replacements.

St Leonard's Day/Non-uniform

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, on Monday 6th November we will be celebrating St Leonard's Day. Rev Geoff Sowden will be taking our Collective Worship and the children will be taking part in a number of different activities in class linked to Uganda and the dormitory project. We are having a non-uniform day to raise money for the cause. If your child would like to wear non-uniform, please send in £1 on the day.

We have sent out a test text message today, reminding parent/carers about the non-uniform day on Monday. If you have not received this message and should have done, please let Mrs Fruin know and we will try and rectify the problem.

Poppies

We now have poppies and a range of merchandise to sell in school to raise money for the Poppy Appeal.

The price list is as follows:-

Traditional poppy - 20p minimum donation

Wristband - 50p

Reflector - 50p

Friendship bracelet - £1

Snap band - £1

Year 6 children will be selling the poppies to the children each day up until Friday 10th November.

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Children In Need

Children In Need is on Friday 17th November. We will be having a non-uniform day and a cake sale. The School Council are organising the day and more details will follow soon!

Boiler/Heating Update

I am pleased to say that the boiler/heating project is progressing extremely well. The classroom works were completed during half term (including over the weekends) and consequently no class will need to be uprooted and relocated. This is a major bonus and down to the hard work of the people we have had working here.

Parking

I am sorry to say that I am still receiving regular emails and telephone calls from residents complaining about the parking behaviour of parents/carers. I have also had complaints about parent/carers being rude to the residents. This is behaviour that as a school we cannot condone. Wiltshire Police have been informed and they will be patrolling the area in the near future.

Attendance

In my role as Head Teacher, I will be monitoring the attendance of the children. In order for your child to make the maximum amount of progress, they should be in school for the maximum amount of time. I appreciate that there will be occasions when your child may be unwell. However, should your child's attendance drop below 90% you will receive a letter informing you of this. If it drops below 85%, this is a cause for serious concern and the Local Authority will become involved. On a positive note, I will be awarding termly 100% attendance certificates as well as the ones presented to the children at the end of the year.

Christmas Lunch

The date for our Christmas Lunch is Tuesday 12th December. If your child does not normally have a school dinner, but you would like them to have a Christmas Dinner, you will need to register with Dolce.

Class 4/Class R Trip to the Hindu Temple

Class 4 and Class R visited the Hindu temple yesterday and they all had a fantastic time. It was a fabulous opportunity to experience a contrasting place of worship as well as sample some food!

Class 5 Author Event

Class 5 will be attending an Author Event at Southfields Junior School next Thursday. The 2Steves, authors of the iHero books will be presenting and there is an opportunity for the children to purchase books.

School Trips/Grand Days Out

Teachers are busy planning a school trip for their respective classes, including their end of year Grand Day Out trip. Details will be sent out by individual class teachers.

Here's to a happy and successful second term!

Yours sincerely

Nicky Mills

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