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Dear Parents,



Term 2 Newsletter



Dates for Diaries

Staff training - 2nd November

School Council elections - 13th November

Activity Day - 10th November

Church Service - 11th November at 9.15am

FOTS meeting - 11th November at 7.30pm

School Photographs - 17th November.

Formal Open Evening - 19th November 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

This term has flown by. Congratulations to all our children and staff for settling into their new classes and a particular well done to our Owlets who have had a very successful first term of school life. Harvest Festival was very enjoyable and we have received many cards and letters from recipients of our Harvest Hampers. Please find attached Shelterbox slips for any of those chores during half term, as we continue to collect for this worthy cause. We have reached exactly £100! On Monday we received a visit from PCSO Butter who took an assembly about Road safety. Please see accompanying publication. We have all felt really motivated by our new Connected Curriculum. On Tuesday, Year 3&4 were visited by a Roman Soldier, now that doesn't happen every day! Next term we will be studying the following projects:

The Owlets

Term 2 - Once upon a time

Key Stage 1

Term 2 - Walking with dinosaurs

Key Stage 2

Term 2 - What took Pompeii off the map?

Second Half of Autumn Term

There will be a training day for staff on Monday 2nd November. School reopens at 9.00am Tuesday 3rd November. During this part of the half term we also look forward to School Council elections on Friday 13th November. Our Formal Open Evening is on Thursday 19th November from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Appointments will be organised after half term.



Remembrance Day - 8th November 2009

Poppies are available to purchase in the school corridor every morning until Remembrance Sunday.

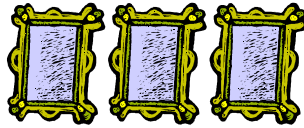


National Book Week

Our next Literacy activity day will be on Tuesday 10th November. The theme agreed by staff is to be "Stories around the World" This will consist of looking at international traditional stories.

A programme of stimulating, challenging and enjoyable literacy activities using ICT, drama, cookery is being planned. If your child wishes to attend school in costume this would be wonderful but not compulsory.

Just in time for Christmas, our Book Fair has been moved to 5th, 6th, 9th and 10th November - due to the lack of a hall in February!



Hall of Fame for Autumn Term 2

Author - Roald Dahl
Artist - Claude Monet
Composer - Ludwig Van Beethoven

If as a family you wish to research these people further, contributions will be gratefully received for our displays.



Church Services

You are welcome to attend our Church Services with the Reverend Mynors. The next one will be on the 11th November at 9.15am.



School Photographs

As you may remember from the Calendar of Dates, school photographs will be on **Tuesday 17th November** starting at 9am. Preschool children are welcome to have photographs with their older siblings as well as individual. As always, there is no obligation to buy. Class photographs will be in Summer Term next year.

Absences

In the case of absence, may I remind you of the following procedures:-

- a) Please telephone, on the first day, giving the reason for your child's absence.
- b) Please follow up the call with an explanatory letter when your child returns to school.

Time off from school, during term time, for example for family holiday, must be requested beforehand. Holiday request forms are available from the School Office.



FOTS Meeting

The next FOTS meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th November. Many thanks for all the hard work. The children and staff greatly appreciate what has been bought for them.

Words of Thanks

Thanks again to Richard Lenton of Lenton Garden Services for donating and refilling our plant pots around the school. As you know Gardening Club will be relocating to larger planters in the playground during our building work. Many thanks to Parish Councillor, Bert Ash and our Dr Montague for the construction of two fantastic planters, at a fraction of the cost of a retailer.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to receiving manifestoes for those wishing to stand for election of our 4th School Council. Electronic copies of the manifesto can be found on our website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Milton

