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Autumn Newsletter 5 - Friday 24th November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our Children in Need event on Friday 10th November was a great success; thank you all for the amazing costumes. The children and staff all looked amazing. We also enjoyed the visit from Pudsey who came into our assembly on that afternoon and we raised a total of £287.25 which was sent off to the charity.



Our Poppy Appeal also raised the magnificent amount of £487.44 so we are very grateful to everyone who has contributed so generously in such a short space of time. Thank you.

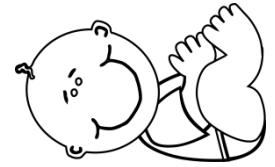
Please remind children that they are not allowed to access or leave our school site via the car park gate; despite a reminder last time, we are still seeing children, and parents(!) doing this. Scooters must not be ridden in the playground either please. Thank you.



Our Year 6 residential trip last week to Hilltop in Norfolk, was a tremendous success with the children behaving in an exemplary way. We all agreed at how amazing they were at supporting each other, trying new activities and persevering when things got tough. It made the week so much easier and enjoyable for the staff! Year 6 parents should now have received the letter inviting them to purchase the CD containing 683 photos that we took during the week. Here are just a few as a taster!



At the pre-Hilltop meeting for parents we announced the very exciting news that Mrs Embrey and husband are expecting their first baby. We send our congratulations to them and wish them well for their future as a growing family. Mrs Embrey intends to carry on working until February half term. We will let everyone know the cover arrangements once they are sorted.



Rehearsals are in full swing for our three Christmas Concert / Nativity/ Play Productions. Please make sure you get your orders in for tickets if you haven't done so and remember that on the LPSA Auction Of Promises website there is chance to bid for guaranteed good seats for each performance to save you joining the queues!

Thank you to all who have paid for our whole school trip to the pantomime; if you still have money outstanding for this trip then please make arrangements to pay the balance by the 1st December deadline which is next Friday. If you have any problems with this, or wish to discuss payment with us then please do contact the school office. Thank you. A reminder that there are **no** hot dinners that day, everyone will be supplied with a school packed lunch unless you tell us otherwise by the 7th December. The cost for KS2 children is £2.25, as normal)



Our School Christmas dinner is going to be on Friday 15th December. As per the details already sent out to parents, we will assume your child is going to have a Christmas lunch unless you tell us otherwise by Friday 1st



December. Please remember that all Foundation and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school lunch...even when it's proper roast turkey at Christmas! This day will also be our Christmas Jumper Day (or t-shirts!) so please dig these out ready!



A reminder that Friday 1st December is also our non-school uniform day with the fine being an item for our class hampers which are always very popular at the Christmas Fayre.

The Auction of Promises is going extremely well; it seems that new lots are being added weekly and there are currently 75 lots on which you can bid. Do have a look if you haven't done so and grab yourself a bargain or something to make your life easier at Christmas eg someone to wrap your presents, someone to weed your garden, an idea for a Christmas gift for someone or tickets to beat the queues at our Christmas events!



If you are free on Saturday 2nd December then we have two exciting events taking place locally: The Kingfisher Church who meet on a Sunday in our school are hosting their Christmas Craft and Activity day at school from 10.30am until 3.30pm and St James' Church in Little Paxton are holding their Advent Workshop at the church from 10.30am until 12 Noon at the church. Both events are free to attend and promise to make everyone feel really festive.

There is a great deal happening over the next few weeks until Christmas, please make sure you have got all the dates marked on your calendars!

Kindest Regards

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