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Newsletter – 11th October 2023

*The children have all settled in well to the new school year.
Here are a few diary dates for the rest of the term...*

Visit to Buxton Opera House – Juniors – Monday 23rd October

The Juniors have been invited to an afternoon at the Buxton Opera House on Monday 23rd October. The trip will include a backstage tour, a drama workshop on the Buxton Opera House stage, plus a chance to share some of the drama the After School Drama Club have been working on with other schools. All Juniors are invited to attend. The cost of the trip will be met in full by the Buxton Opera House. Consent forms and further information will be sent out separately.

Open Morning for Prospective New Starters – Tuesday 24th October

We will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents and their children on Tuesday 24th October from 9:30am to 11:30am. This will be a chance for parents with pre-school aged children to come in to school and have a look around, see how the school runs and have a chat to staff. Please pass the word round to anyone you know with pre-school aged children.

Orienteering Afternoon – Whole School – Tuesday 24th October

Hartington and Biggin Primary Schools will be visiting us for the afternoon of Tuesday 24th October to participate in an inter-schools orienteering afternoon in Earl Sterndale. Please ensure that all children are wearing PE kit and warm, waterproof clothing and waterproof trainers or walking boots (not wellies). As PE will be taking place on Tuesday instead of Wednesday this week, children can wear normal school uniform (not PE kit) on Wednesday 25th October.

Harvest Service and Harvest Boxes – Thursday 26th October

This year's Harvest Service will be on Thursday 26th October at 2pm in the church. Please come along to see the children perform the Harvest songs that they have been working on with Mrs O'Neill. Please could all children bring in a Harvest Box (a small box containing a few food items – either fresh or non-perishable) to be distributed to senior residents of the village and to the Buxton Food Bank.

Non-Uniform Day for lollystick prizes– Friday 27th October

We're holding a non-uniform day on Friday 27th October. Please send children in with a lollystick prize (small toys, stationery, chocolates, sweets, toiletries etc.) for the children's lollystick game which will take place at the Christmas Shopping Night. Thank you!

Visit to the Hollowford Centre, Castleton – Infants – Tuesday 7th November

As part of their Forest School programme, the Infants will be visiting the Hollowford Centre in Castleton on Tuesday 7th November. Please return completed consent forms to the school office as soon as possible and by no later than Friday 13th October. Please note that children in Year 2 will not be attending swimming on this day.

Orienteering Afternoon at Hartington – Juniors – Tuesday 7th November

The Juniors have been invited to participate in an inter-schools orienteering afternoon at Hartington Primary School on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th November. Please ensure children are wearing PE kit and warm, waterproof clothing and suitable footwear on this day. Consent forms will be sent out separately.

Christmas Shopping Night in school – Friday 10th November – 7pm

The Fundraising Committee have organised a Christmas Shopping Night in school on Friday 10th November from 7pm until 9pm. There will be lots of exciting stalls for Christmas shopping, our ever-popular lollystick game and craft activities for the children. Please come along and join in the festivities!

Bags2School Collection – Tuesday 28th November

Please bring your bags into school by 9am on Tuesday 28th November. If you can't drop items off on Tuesday morning, please feel free to drop bags off on Monday 27th November at home time. A full list of acceptable items and collection bags will be sent out separately after the half-term break.

Christmas Film Night – Friday 8th December – 6:15pm

The Fundraising Committee will be holding a Christmas Film Night on the evening of Friday 8th December. Further details and consent forms will be sent out closer to the time.

Christmas Nativity Performances – Friday 15th December – 2pm and 6pm

We will have two performances of our Christmas Nativity on Friday 15th December at 2pm and 6pm. Please come along to see the wonderful Christmas songs that the children have been working on with Mrs O'Neill.

Swimming

We will have our last swimming session for the half-term next Tuesday (17th October). Sessions will begin again after the half-term break on Tuesday 7th November for five weeks until Tuesday 5th December. All remaining swimming sessions for this year will be for a one-hour time slot.

Empty cereal boxes for Tuesday 17th October – Juniors

Mrs Plevey has requested that Junior children bring in empty cereal boxes next Tuesday. The children will be making periscopes!

Second-hand school uniform

There is a box of good quality, second-hand school uniform in the school office. Please feel free to help yourselves! If anyone has any good quality trainers that their child/children have grown out of, please could you donate these to school for our spare shoes box.

Questionnaires

We will be sending out Parent and Children's Questionnaires this week. We would very much appreciate it if you could complete these forms and return them anonymously via the red box in the school library. All responses will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Diary Dates

Drama Club – Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm until Thursday 14th December
Forest School, Belinda Woods – Infants – Monday afternoons - 16th Oct & 23rd Oct
Swimming – Tuesday mornings – Tues 17th Oct and then 7th Nov-5th Dec
Buxton Opera House visit – Juniors – Monday 23rd October
Open Morning for Prospective New Starters– Tuesday 24th October
Orienteering Afternoon in Earl Sterndale – Whole School – Tuesday 24th October
Harvest Service and Harvest Boxes– Thursday 26th October
Non-Uniform Day for lollystick prizes – Friday 27th October
Break up for half-term – Friday 27th October
First day back after half-term – Monday 6th November
Hollowford Centre visit – Infants – Tuesday 7th November
Orienteering Afternoon at Hartington – Juniors – Tuesday 7th November
Christmas Shopping Night in school – Friday 10th November
Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need – Friday 17th November
Bags2School Collection – Tuesday 28th November
Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 7th December
Christmas Film Night – Friday 8th December
Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December
Christmas Nativity Performances – Friday 15th December – 2pm and 6pm
Last day of Autumn term – Thursday 21st December
INSET day – Monday 8th January
First day of Spring term – Tuesday 9th January