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Newsletter – 16th November 2023

We hope you all had a good half-term break. Here are a few diary dates for this half-term...

Non-uniform Day for Children in Need – Friday 17th November

Children are invited to attend school in non-uniform in exchange for a small cash donation towards Children in Need.

Street Dance Workshops – Whole School – Wednesday 22nd November

DanceDaze UK are returning to school to deliver their very popular Street Dance Workshops. All year groups will have the opportunity to participate in a Street Dance Workshop throughout the day. Please ensure that all children are wearing PE kit on this day.

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 this week.

NSPCC Workshops – Years 2, 5 & 6 – Tuesday 28th November

A member of the NSPCC will attend school on Tuesday 28th November to deliver age-appropriate workshops (Speak Out. Stay Safe.) to Years 5 & 6 and a separate, shorter workshop to Year 2.

Geography Field Trip – Juniors - Wednesday 29th November

Our Geography Field Trip to look at local river sources and meanders has been re-scheduled to Wednesday 29th November. Please ensure that children are wearing warm and waterproof clothing and footwear (preferably wellies) for this trip.

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 29th November

A separate letter will be sent out shortly regarding our Parents' Evening on Wednesday 29th November.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 7th December

We will be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December by holding a non-uniform day. If your child does not already have a Christmas Jumper, please do not buy one especially. Your child can wear usual

non-uniform and accessorise should they wish to with something red, sparkly or festive. The newly-formed School Parliament will be providing cakes and hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows at the morning break and will also be running a Christmas craft table at lunchtime in order to raise extra funds for Save the Children. Please send your child in with a little bit of cash for these activities. Please see the following message from the School Parliament:

There will be a Christmas cutting craft table in the playground, if raining in the library (glitter station in the library as well). And one of our younger parliament members will be making our delicious buns and all the parliament members will be decorating them. If your child has any allergies please inform the school parliament so we can find other options.

Thanks a lot from all of the school parliament members.

Christmas Film Night – Friday 8th December – 6:30pm

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 next week.

Bollywood Dance Day – Whole School – Tuesday 12th December

As part of this half-term's dance theme in PE, all children will be invited to participate in a Bollywood Dance Day provided by Bollywood Vibes. There will be separate Infant and Junior workshops, which will then culminate in an end-of-day performance. Please ensure that children are wearing PE kit.

Christmas Lunch Day – Wednesday 13th December

Children will be having our usual Christmas turkey lunch with all the trimmings on Wednesday 13th December.

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.

The Hare and the Tortoise performance – Tuesday 19th December

Performers from the Buxton Opera House will be visiting us in school to perform The Hare and the Tortoise to all year groups. This will be followed by an acting workshop for the Juniors. The cost of the performance and the workshop have been paid for in full by our fundraising committee.

School Parliament

This week we have elected the members of our School Parliament. Each child who wanted to be elected presented a brief statement to explain why they wanted to be elected and why they thought the children should vote for them. Some of these 'speeches' were fabulous. Mrs Gill will lead our elected members who will meet regularly to discuss matters in school which affect the children, in effect giving the children a voice in decisions that are made. This fits in very neatly with our adherence to British Values, one of which is democracy (the others being the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of others' beliefs). Watch this space for further details of what the School parliament is doing.



Democracy in action

Seatbelts

It has been passed on to us that there are children who are not putting on their seatbelts as they arrive at and leave school. Please will you ensure that your children wear seatbelts whenever they are in the car.

Christmas Shopping Night in school

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Christmas Shopping Night in school last Friday and to everyone who contributed lollystick and raffle prizes. A great time was had by all and we raised an impressive £285.92 for school funds.

Harvest Boxes

Thank you again for the generous gifts you brought in for the Harvest Festival – everything went to a worthy home. The Year 6 children helped to deliver a few Harvest boxes around the village and the majority of the donations were taken to the food bank in Buxton.

i-Vengers Survey

We have sent out the i-Vengers Parent Survey via Parent Hub, which is regarding your online safety as a family. The survey is anonymous and your responses will help to inform our future i-Vengers programme. Please complete this survey, if you haven't already. The children have also completed the i-Vengers Children's Survey in school.

Diary Dates

Swimming – Tuesday mornings until Tuesday 5th December

Writing Club Y5/6 – Tuesdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm until Tuesday 19th December
– **please note that Writing Club on Tues 21st November has been cancelled.**

Drama Club (Juniors) – Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm until Thurs 14th December

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NSPCC Assembly – Juniors only – Friday 17th November (letter sent separately)

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Last day of Autumn term – Thursday 21st December

INSET day – Monday 8th January

First day of Spring term – Tuesday 9th January