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Newsletter – 13th November 2024

It has been a busy term so far and, as I write this, we have an Infant class brimming with pre-school children for our Open Morning...

Forest School Sessions – Infants

The Infants will continue to have Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons for the rest of the Autumn term. Please ensure Infants are wearing Forest School clothing on Mondays including warm / waterproof coats, hats, gloves and warm wellies / boots with thick socks. As part of their Forest School programme, the Infants will attend the Hollowford Outdoor Centre in Castleton on Monday 18th November for the full day.

Fundraising Update

The Fundraising Committee have been working hard organising events like the Autumn Disco which was very well attended and great fun was had by all. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a great success. £120 was raised which will be used for things like the following:

Some of the money raised went towards helping us to fund our trip to the bookstore (see details below and photos on the school website) where every child was able to buy a book with the funds. Also, in the last academic year, the Committee have paid for the Hare and Tortoise Christmas Performance (Buxton Opera House), contributed towards the Infant trip to Eyam and the Booster trip to Alton Towers, paid for the Y6 Leavers' hoodies and contributed towards the new bench for the canopy area, as well as purchasing various classroom resources and treats for the children. A huge thank you to all concerned!!

Harvest Festival and Harvest Boxes

The Harvest Festival was fabulous and the children performed beautifully. We organised Harvest Boxes using the generous gifts the children brought in and these were distributed around the village to some of our senior residents who were delighted to be thought of and appreciated the gesture. The rest of the donations were taken to the Buxton Food Bank.

Brierlow Bar Bookstore Visit

We had a fabulous time at Brierlow Bar Bookstore last week. The children were very excited to spend time looking at the books and all were able to choose a book to take home. Many thanks to Louisa at the bookstore who helped to make the trip so enjoyable.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform is labelled with your child's name.

Bags 2 School Collection – Monday 18th November

Our next Bags 2 School collection will take place on Monday 18th November. Please bring your bags into school by 9am on Monday 18th November. If you can't drop items off on the Monday morning, please feel free to drop bags off on Friday 15th November at home time. A full list of acceptable items and collection bags has been sent out separately. All proceeds will go towards school funds.

The Snowman at The Octagon, Buxton – Thursday 12th December

The School Fundraising Committee have very generously organised a whole school trip to see a special screening of The Snowman accompanied by a live orchestra at The Octagon in Buxton on the afternoon of Thursday 12th December. Further details and a consent form will be sent out separately. **PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THIS TRIP, THE SCHOOL NATIVITY DATE HAS NOW CHANGED TO FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER.**

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are now running a Breakfast Club and an After School Club. If you would like to book your child into either of these clubs, please email clubs@earlsterndale.derbyshire.sch.uk by 1pm on the preceding Friday. The cost is £5 per child per hour. Children can only be booked in for hourly slots (no half-hour slots are available). Breakfast Club will run from 7:50am until 8:50am. Breakfast will be served until 8:30am. After School Club will run from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. A snack and a drink will be provided.

School Website

To see some of the fantastic activities that we've been doing in school, please look at the photos on the school website. Please navigate to 'Children' and then look at the Class Galleries and the Whole School Gallery.

Diary Dates

Forest School – Infants – Monday afternoons

Swimming – Tuesday mornings until 3rd December

Children In Need – non-uniform day – Friday 15th November

Bags 2 School Collection – Monday 18th November

Hollowford Centre – Infants – Monday 18th November

Christmas Jumper Day – non-uniform day – Friday 6th December

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

The Snowman at The Octagon, Buxton – Thursday 12th December

School Nativity – Friday 13th December - 2pm and 6pm in church

Christmas Lunch – Weds 18th December

Last day of Autumn term – Thursday 19th December

First day of Spring term – Monday 6th January