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Dear parent and carers,

We have had a lovely first week back in school after the half term break. The children have all enjoyed beginning their new topics. It has been brilliant to see the enthusiasm in Year 1's pea invasion as they begin their Superhero topic 'Do all superheroes wear capes?', focused on the Super Daisy story. Year 2 loved their virtual visit to Kenya and art work introduction to 'What is it like to live in Kenya?' and Reception received a mysterious delivery of fresh bread to begin their 'Can you tell me a story?' topic focused on The Little Red hen story. We were also lucky enough to all experience the football workshops on Wednesday as last term's values reward. What a great week!

Please take the time to read the details below, outlining information and events for this term.



Remembrance Day poppies:

Next week Remembrance Day poppies will be available in school. If your child would like a poppy, please send in their donation (in a named envelope) for the Royal British Legion so they can get a poppy when the Year 2 helpers visit their class with the poppies and collection box. Thank you

Clubs:

You will have seen a number of letters regarding after school enrichment clubs which are beginning this term. Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest. Mind, Body & Soul club and Play & Perform Club are now FULL. You will receive an email over the weekend to let you know if your child has a place at Mind, Body & Soul Club. Story Explorers numbers will be finalised shortly. Please note if your child was unsuccessful in obtaining a place this time or didn't see a club they fancied, there will be further choices on offer as they school year progresses- WATCH THIS SPACE!

Pupil's belongings:

We have been shocked at the amount of lost property that has accumulated in the school over the last couple of months. We are working hard to encourage the children to be responsible for their own things but this is very difficult when items are unnamed. **PLEASE ensure clothes, coats, drink bottles, book bags are ALL clearly named and that this is regularly checked as names can wash away / fall off.** This would really help children look after their belongings and reduce lost items. Thank you

Headlice:

We have had one or two cases of headlice in the school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat them if you find lice. Safe treatments are available from pharmacies. Thank you.

Safeguarding: Youtube & Youtube Kids

We have had a number of incidents over the last few weeks where children have seen unpleasant or non-age-appropriate content online. Please supervise your children when they access the internet and particularly platforms such as Youtube. It is very easy for them to stray into inappropriate content after watching something harmless at first. Even using Youtube Kids is not guaranteed to be age-appropriate. Please remain vigilant and aware of the harmful effects of seeing content that is not appropriate.

Events this term:

We are optimistically planning events in school over this term and really hope all events can go ahead as planned. Please see the dates for your diary at the end of this letter and look out for further information.

We are looking forward to the busy term ahead. Thank you, as ever, for your on-going support. Please do chat to a member of staff if you have any questions or worries, we are always happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Morrall

Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- AUTUMN 2 2021

EVENT	PLANNED DATE
Individual photos	Monday 8 th November
Anita Neil- Olympic Athlete visit	Tuesday 9 th November
Cherry class parents evenings (catch up)	Thursday 11 th & Friday 12 th November
Anti-bullying Week	Week commencing 15 th November
Parents workshops- Phonics and Reception Info.	Wednesday 17 th November am
Children In Need	Friday 19 th November
Flu Vaccinations in school hall	Monday 6 th December
Reception Celebration of Learning	Monday 6 th December 2.30pm
Whole School Pantomime trip	Tuesday 7 th December
Year 2 Celebration of Learning	Wednesday 8 th December 2.30pm
Kingswood Christmas Lunch	Thursday 9 th December
Year 1 Celebration of Learning	Thursday 9 th December 2.30pm
Christmas Jumper Day- Save the Children	Friday 10 th December
FOTAS Cake Sale	Tuesday 14 th December 3.15pm
Christmas Celebration- <i>provisional</i>	Thursday 16 th December pm
School closes for Christmas holidays	Friday 17 th December 3.15pm