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Dear Parents

Well done to the children who gained "Learner of the Week" awards this week:

6BH	Amber Tubb	3SJ	Erin O'Reilly
6TH	Matilda Haines	3RB	Ivy McCarthy
5LH	Kohl Ransom	2BR	Edward Bourke
5NR	Harry Jones	2NT	Ava Gray
4LW	Erin Hamilton	1BI	Eva Rounce
4LRW	Lily Gaunt	1SH	Tilly Hidson

KS2 Disco tonight

Tonight is the KS2 disco. It starts at 6pm and parents should collect their child from the hall at 7.30pm. The cost is £3 on the door and refreshments are available at 50p each with flashing items costing £1 each.

Maths Week!

It has been a week full of investigation, analysis and problem solving across the school as each year group have focussed on bringing maths to life in their classrooms. Activities have ranged from creating 3D Taj Mahal models to a visit from Paddington Bear to the creation of a class zoo. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the challenges their teachers have set for them. For further details of what your child has been up to this week look out for the notification on our school app or the website.

Midday Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a Midday Assistant. The role is three days per week, term time only, for 1¼ hours per day. If you or someone you know is interested in working in a busy and rewarding environment please contact the office for an application form.

Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year where we ask the children to think about those less fortunate than themselves by putting together a 'shoebox' of gifts to be opened at Christmas. In assemblies today we discussed Operation Christmas Child and the types of items that can be packed into a shoebox and I know the children were really keen to be involved. We are sending home a leaflet with every child today with further details and any donations should be brought into school and placed outside the school office by Friday 2nd November.

Sports round up

At a recent Dodgeball tournament our Year 6 teams came 2nd and 5th out of 10 teams. They represented the School very well and the team that came 2nd has progressed through to the next round which will compete against schools from across the Uttlesford district.

Four pupils attended a Kurling, Boccia and Trampolining event on Wednesday 17th October. They competed against other schools in Uttlesford and came joint 5th overall.

Last Friday 12 pupils from Year 3 travelled to Felsted Primary School to take part in a multi-skills festival. Felsted pupils ran a series of activities that focussed on different sports and skills. Pupils enjoyed the archery and shooting the most.

Trials for the Y5/6 tag rugby and sports hall athletics teams will take place in the after school clubs on the first two weeks back after half term. Sports hall athletics is on Thursday 3.15pm-4.15pm and tag rugby is on Friday 3.15pm-4.15 pm.

All cross country runners are encouraged to attend the after school training sessions on Tuesday after school 3.15pm-4.15pm in preparation for the cross country finals on 14th November.

School meals

All outstanding dinner monies should be paid online over half term (www.scopay.com) or sent into school at the start of next term. All school meals are payable in advance. Should you wish to pay for the next half term the cost is £85.10 (excluding Christmas lunch).

PTA

The PTA quiz is on the first Friday of half term. Do try and get a team together over half term and get your forms in as soon as possible to nab a table at this fun event!

The Christmas Bazaar will soon be upon us in the next half term! It might seem early but if you are having a clear out over half term please do think about things you can donate to our bric-a-brac and gift stalls. We will be having our traditional non-uniform day on Friday 30th November in exchange for an in date bottle for our popular Bottle Tombola. We will again also be having a jar tombola stall so please do start filling those jars. There will be an incentive to the class that brings in the most! We really do rely on your generous donations to make this event a success so thank you in advance.

Clubs after half term

A reminder that some clubs have changed after half term (as detailed in last week's newsletter). Please check the main noticeboard, website and app for club details. Please also remember to let the office know if your child is not attending a club as they will phone you if your child does not register at the club he/she is due to attend.

Year 7 applications

Please be reminded that the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2019) is 31st October 2018. Applications can be made via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions .

Events

Week commencing Monday 29 th October	
MONDAY	First day of Autumn 2
WEDNESDAY	Deadline for secondary school applications
THURSDAY 4.30 – 5.30	Year 4 Firework Evening
THURSDAY 7.00	Prospective parents of Reception 2019 children invited in for tour of the school

Other events

Please find attached a flyer on parenting puzzle workshops.

St Mary's Church Nursery are currently recruiting and details are contained on the attached flyer.

I hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 29th October.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths