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Dear Parents,

Anti-Bullying Week – 13th November – 17th November

This week the children have enjoyed a range of activities to raise awareness about bullying, such as writing anti-bullying raps and making posters. Further information for parents about anti-bullying is available on the Alliance website; you can access this at <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

We had some wonderful entries in the 'Fun Odd Socks Competition' this week – Mrs Grinstead and Miss Dale really struggled to choose a winner! In the end, Jack (Year 2) was the KS1 winner, and Ava (Year 5) triumphed in KS2. Congratulations to them both, and thank you to everyone who took part by sending in a photo of their pet or a toy wearing odd socks.



Children in Need - Friday 17th November 2023

It has been lovely to see the children wearing their own clothes and Pudsey ears today! In assembly this morning we discussed the great work that Children in Need do to support children across the UK, and I am delighted to say that you have donated an amazing £235.77 for this wonderful cause – thank you so much.

*Nurturing the spark of God with
"Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar!"*



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During the day, every child took part in a 'Pudsey Bearpees Challenge.' Congratulations to our class champions Nicholas, Alexander, Rudy, Mali, Grace, Harry and Paishey, who did the most 'bearpees' in a minute or 30 seconds, following a great demonstration from Mrs Ward, Mrs Ward and Mrs Gibbs in assembly this morning!

Mr Mason

I am very pleased to say that Mr Mason is now home from hospital and is recovering well. As I am sure you will appreciate, his recovery will take some time and I am very grateful to Mr Aylett who has joined us as Temporary Caretaker in Mr Mason's absence.

Mrs Rimmer

Some parents had a real treat yesterday afternoon when their children played the flute or piano for them, following their music lessons with Mrs Rimmer. Mrs Rimmer has now finished teaching in school as she begins a new job, but I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and support over the years, from teaching whole class music lessons, to supporting Midsummer Music performances and also standing as Co-Chair of the PTFA. We all wish her well in her new role.

PTFA Christmas Fayre – Saturday 25th November 11am – 2pm

Just a reminder that the Christmas Fayre is taking place on Saturday 25th November – we hope to see you all there. As always, we would be very grateful for any offers of help, both before and on the day. Events such as the Christmas Fayre involve a good deal of work, so life is always much easier if it can be shared!

Staff Car Park

I am very sorry to say that we have had another near miss involving a child walking through the staff car when members of staff are leaving. *PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE CAR PARK OR ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO DO SO.* It really is extremely dangerous, especially at this time of year when the light is dimming.

We have now put barriers across the bottom of the car park to prevent pedestrians from joining or leaving the car park at that point.

Toys

Just a quick reminder that children are not permitted to bring their own toys to school. Just recently we have noticed some children bringing toys in from home – please do speak to your children to remind them that this is not allowed. If we feel that a child would benefit from having a fiddle toy or chew toy in school, we will provide them, in consultation with you. Thank you.

Well Done!

Congratulations to Ted in Year 6 who has been selected to play for Kent County football team after going through a selection process that included 16 Kent district associations and over 500 boys. He has made the final 18 and will be included in the team for the next 2 years. What a fantastic achievement – well done, Ted, we are all very proud of you!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and enjoy Children in Need tonight.

Best wishes

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