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20 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the successes we have shared as a school community. It has been a truly remarkable term, filled with a wealth of activities that have not only enhanced our childrens' learning experience, but have also fostered a sense of unity among us.

At the beginning of the year, we set our aspirations high, thinking about the year ahead and what we wanted to achieve individually. Some classes started the year by contacting local businesses, securing invaluable support to help transform our school environment into a vibrant place for learning and growth. Celebrating National Teaching Assistant Day allowed us to express our gratitude to our dedicated team who play such a vital role in our children's education. We also organised a coffee morning to support two worthy charities, bringing us together as a community with compassionate hearts.

This term has been packed with activities that highlighted the importance of family and community connections. The grandparents' coffee and cake event was a resounding success, providing a lovely opportunity for grandparents to share in the joy of school life. The Year 3 Harvest Festival was a beautiful occasion that brought our community together in gratitude, and the heartfelt Shining Flames worship filled the atmosphere with hope and joy.

Furthermore, our commitment to kindness was exemplified on World Kindness Day, where we encouraged our children to consider how they could make a positive difference in others' lives. We even ventured out of school to spread our kindness around the village.

Participating in Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week was another meaningful initiative, as it allowed us to promote the importance of individuality and acceptance within our school community. Our Friendship Disco was a delightful evening that provided an opportunity for our children to foster friendships in a fun and engaging environment and dance the night away. The Year 4 "Advent Around the World" worship was a highlight for many, enriching our understanding and appreciation of different cultures.

This term also marked the beginning of the diocese Year of Prayer, a journey we will continue until the end of the summer term. This invites us to reflect on our spiritual growth,



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and I look forward to seeing how our children engage with this meaningful practice. Our exceptional EYFS/KS1 nativity was a joyous celebration, demonstrating the commitment and creativity of our youngest learners, as well as the collaborative spirit of our staff and families.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to each of you for your warm welcome during my first term. I have been truly humbled by the love, support, and kindness shown by all the families in our community. It is an honour and privilege to be your Headteacher. Your involvement has made a significant impact on our school culture, and as we look forward to 2025, I am eager to strengthen our relationships further. Together, I am confident we are on a path destined for success, enabling all our children to flourish and shine with God's love.

As we move into the new year, I would like to ensure that our communication remains transparent and clear among all. We will continue to use Seesaw as a tool for you to message class teachers directly and for teachers to upload photos from the classroom, allowing you to witness the wonderful learning experiences taking place. All other communication will be managed through ParentPay, whether through the school newsletter, emails, or text messages. If you have not yet signed up to ParentPay, I urge you to contact the school office at your earliest convenience to ensure that you receive all necessary information. You can also find the newsletter and diary dates available on our website, and I highly recommend subscribing to the website diary to have events automatically added to your device calendar for your convenience.

Finally, as we approach the festive season, I would like to take this moment to reflect on the achievements of our school community and commend our children for their hard work, resilience, and commitment to their learning. I wish you and your families a restful and joyful Christmas, filled with warmth and togetherness.

I look forward to welcoming all the children back in the new year, ready to continue our exciting journey together, inspiring each other, achieving new heights and shining with the light of Jesus.

Warm regards,

Mrs Joanna Owen



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DIARY DATES UPDATE

Further to the diary dates sent out at the start of September, here is an updated list of events happening during the Spring term so that you can keep your diary updated. These are pre-planned events, as within all schools, more events and activities will take place as we move through the half term – we will add these to the weekly newsletter giving you as much notice as possible so please continue to read the newsletter each week. Thank you!

Monday 6th January 2025	School re-opens after the Christmas break
Tuesday 7th January 2025	Jam coding club starts
Wednesday 8th January 2025	PTFA Meeting – In school at 6pm – All welcome
Friday 24th January 2025	Year 3 and 4 Family Friday – Chinese New Year @ 2.30pm
Monday 3rd February 2025	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 7th February 2025	Break the rules day – more information to follow Parent showcase at 3.30pm – more information to follow
Tuesday 11th February 2025	Safer internet day
Wednesday 12th February 2025	Reception stay and play at 2pm
Thursday 13th February 2025	Chocolate bingo @ 6pm
Friday 14th February 2025	Break up for half term @ 3.20/3.25pm
Monday 24th February 2025	School re-opens after half term break
Tuesday 4th March 2025	World Book Day – Dress up day
Wednesday 5th March 2025	Book fair arrives
Monday 10th March 2025	Science week
Friday 14th March 2025	Parent showcase @ 3.30pm
Friday 21st March 2025	Y5 Worship at 9am
Wednesday 26th March 2025	Parents evening – face to face until 6pm
Thursday 27th March 2025	Parents evening – face to face until 6pm Y2 trip to Houghton Tower – more information to follow
Friday 28th March 2025	Reception Worship International women's month afternoon tea – more information to follow
Tuesday 1st April 2025	Reception stay and play
Friday 4th April 2025	Whole school worship in church School closes for the Easter break at 2pm.

Attachments

- ✓ Christmas services at St Barnabas, St Paul's and Hillside
- ✓ Thank you posters for the raffle donations
- ✓ PTFA Poster

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR
FROM ALL THE STAFF AND GOVERNORS 😊