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Dear Parents/Carers,

## November 2019 Newsletter

### Building Expansion

The latest update on the building work at school, is that we are on schedule to complete the classroom and entrance from Dorset Rd by the end of term in December. The new classroom does have a roof on it and is currently being used by a cute fox to sleep in at night. So it is being put to good use if not for the use I want for it! So we should be able to open the Dorset Rd entrance around January 20th.

At the front of the school all drilling work has been completed, so within a couple of weeks we should see bricks being laid. We are still on track for February, weather permitting. It has been a very stressful start to the year but I again appreciate your support and patience.

### Parking

A huge thank you for the overwhelming support for my stance over parking and driving down Alma Rd and School St. You will soon notice some characters appear outside of school to help my ongoing campaign. It is a shame I have had to spend money purchasing these when common sense should be enough to stop people putting the lives of children at risk.

### Animal Blessing Assembly

As you may have already heard, Reverend Andrew is leaving the Parish next week. His last assembly in school will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of November. So to make this really special and memorable, I thought that we would have a Pet Blessing Ceremony (weather permitting.) If children want to bring their pets to school, we will have the service outside at 9 am then parents can take the pets home. I am sure this will be chaos, but a lovely way to thank Andrew for the amazing support he has given school and also to fulfill the wishes of an Animal Mad Headteacher. Please make sure that all your animals are in appropriate cages or on leads.

### Staff Sickness

We have had a very difficult start to the year with staff sickness. Staff have coped admirably and we have tried to minimize the disruption to pupils. However, for the next few weeks Mrs Thomason's Maths and English groups will be taught by Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Spanos. They will still only be in a group of 23, Mrs Hylton will cover Mrs Armstrong's class whilst she has to have an operation. I will be sprinkling vitamins on the cereal of the remaining staff to keep them fit!

### Children Leaving Early

We are getting more and more requests for children to leave school early in the afternoon. Please may I remind you that all children are expected to stay in school until 3:10 pm unless it is an emergency.

## Collection for the Homeless

We are collecting for the homeless again this year. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December your child can wear their own clothes to school in return for bringing in one of the following items:

- Toothbrush      Toothpaste      Packet of Biscuits      Packet of sweets/ chocolate
- Soap              Shampoo      Sanitary products      Flannel
- Gloves            Socks           Hat/Scarf              Tin of soup/ beans

## Clubs

There will be no clubs in school this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. There will also be no clubs on the last week of term from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Clubs will start again on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## Christmas Activities

Due to the building work we will be restricted on our Christmas celebrations again this year. However, there will be a lot of things going on in school for the children.

9/12/19	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2	Name the Elf Competition
9/12/19	Years 3-6	Chocolate Hamper Raffle
16/12/19	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2	Secret Santa Sale
17/12/19	Years 3- 6	Secret Santa Sale

We may even get a visit from the man in the Red Coat himself if the children are very good!

## Diary Dates

25.11.19	Nasal Flu Immunisations for children
3.12.19	Tea with Ms Clacy for Golden Book children t.b.c
6.12.19	Wear your own clothes day in return for an item for the homeless
9.12.19	Nursery Christmas performance 10.00 in school
10.12.19	Nursery Christmas performance 10.00 in school
11.12.19	Reception performance 1.30 in school
12.12.19	Reception performance 1.30 in school
12.12.19	KS1 Nativity Play in the church 10 am
16.12.19	KS2 Y5/6 Party pm
17.12.19	Nursery Party am Reception party pm KS1 Party KS2 Y3/4 Party pm
18.12.19	– School Christmas Dinner
19.12.19	– Carol service in the church 10 am
20.12.19	– Break up for Christmas holiday <b>at 1:30pm</b>

## Spring Term 2020

06.01.20	Training Day
07.01.20	Children back to school

