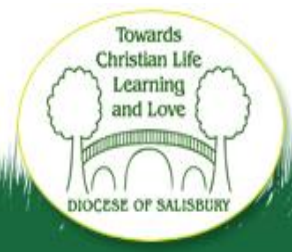


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18th October 2023

Dear Parents,

We are nearly at the end of Term 1 in school and it has been great to see all the children so settled and working hard. They have adapted to their new classes well and have worked really hard. Although it's been a relatively short term it's been very full so they are feeling tired and need a rest and a recharge.

During our worship time we have focused on our value of thankfulness. The children have been able to share what they are thankful for and how they can show that to their families, friends and communities.

The Parents' Evenings were full each night. We had some very useful feedback on how affordable school is and are looking at how we can help families to spread the costs or save their precious pennies. Keep an eye open for changes ahead.

We are looking forward to our annual Firework night on the first Thursday back (2nd November). If you haven't signed up to help or need to buy tickets please do that quickly, to purchase tickets in advance please note the last day for this is Wednesday 1st November. You can send an email to the office and this will be passed to Mrs Kingston-Jones and Mrs Smith or pop in as the PTA have a box in the reception to collect forms and payment.

The weather is changing so we ask you to make sure the children return to school and the new term with named coats as we will continue to go outside as much as possible. The children can bring in a pair of wellies or old shoes to keep in school to change into at playtimes when the weather is wet.

On PE days, the children can still wear their kit to school and stay in it all day. You may want to put spare socks and trousers in their PE bag just in case they need to change after PE.

We have noticed that some children are bringing in sweets and several chocolate bars in their packed lunches. We do like the children to have a healthy balanced lunchbox as well as healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables so please do not put sweets in their lunchboxes-thank you.

We will be making Christmas shoeboxes for the Trussell Trust after half term and need items for the children to use when they make them as well as shoeboxes to pack. We also need adults to help with wrapping on the day. We have included a list of what to send in at the end of this letter. Please let us know if you can join us.

As the days get darker please be careful in the car park. We are having lots of children running over the road to the field. It feels like an accident waiting to happen. Please be mindful and use the paths around the carpark, the crossing or walk with your child/children across the busiest part of the carpark. Please can you avoid parking in the disabled space outside the school as this is a designated parking space.

We are very lucky to have a carpark so please can you ensure that you are parking in it and not on the road outside. Thank you for your support with this.

Enjoy your break

Rebecca Carson

Key Dates:

Monday 30th October – Children return to School

Thursday 2nd November – Fireworks and Bonfire Evening

Friday 10th November – Christmas Boxes

Friday 10th November – Remembrance Service

Friday 1st December – Christmas Bazaar

Friday 8th December – Afternoon Christmas Performance for Y1-Y6

Monday 11th December – Pantomime production in School

Wednesday 13th December – Evening Christmas Performance for Y1-Y6

Thursday 14th December – Evening Christmas Performance for Y1-Y6

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Lunch (the menu for today will not be as stated on ParentPay the children will be offered Roast Turkey, vegetarian and allergen options will also be offered)

Wednesday 20th December – Lake Class Nativity

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of term

Thursday 4th January – Return to School

Shoebox donations

Toiletries Toys New or good quality 2nd hand clothes Miscellaneous Other Stationery Soap / shampoo

Toothpaste / toothbrush Face cloth / sponge Deodorant Comb/brush Razors / shaving gel Pens / pencils

Notepad / colouring book Eraser / sharpener / ruler Sweets / chocolate Make-up Sewing kit Candles

Household tools Cleaning / baby wipes Jewellery / hair accessories Gloves / hat / scarf Underwear / socks

Baby-grows Cars / vehicles Dolls / teddies.