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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful half-term break. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and see the children settle so well to their learning. This term is always a busy one with lots of exciting celebrations for the children to learn about and join in with. This week, FOBSA are holding a mufti day, on Friday, their *Happy bags* collection as well as hosting the first school disco of the year! Our school hall always gets a little warm, so I would advise wearing layers, if you're coming along to the disco.

Further to my earlier request, please can I ask again that everyone follows the one-way system when leaving the school, at the end of the day. Please do not leave via the ramp entrance. The one-way system is in place, in part and most importantly, to ensure the children's safety at the end of the day. The children are aware of our system and the rule, and I would appreciate your support in following this.

Miss K Aldred - Headteacher

Driving/parking

I am becoming increasingly concerned by the dangerous driving and parking that is being reported to me, on a very regular basis now. I have also witnessed cars being driven far too fast at pick up, considering such young children are present and walking around the area.

We have been liaising with the local authorities about possible actions but, could I ask everyone to drive slowly, safely, and considerately, at all times, on the roads around the school.

I appreciate we live busy lives and have places to be, however, as a community, I urge you to consider the safety of the youngest and most vulnerable members of that community and, drive slowly around and near the school.

Key Dates

03/11	Mufti Day
03/11	Party Night
03/11	Happy Bags collection
25/11	Christmas Fair
05/12	Yr R Xmas Performance (09.15)
06/12	Yr 1 Xmas Performance (09.15)
07/12	Yr 2 Xmas Performance (09.15)
13/12	Childrens Xmas lunch and party (details to follow)
15/12	Last day of term – finish 3.10pm

03/01/24 Return to school

Full term dates can be found [here](#)

Mufti Day – wear your own clothes to school

We will be holding a mufti day on **Friday 3rd November**. The children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school that day, in exchange for a £1 donation. All monies raised will go directly to FOBSA for their Christmas fair events.

The children will still have a 'normal' day in school on that day so please ensure sensible shoes, coat and attire!

Forest School Kit

Now that the weather has taken a chillier and wetter turn please can you ensure your child has a thicker, long sleeved top and trousers, to wear for forest school each week. Ideally, a *Pac a mac* style coat would also be helpful, to be kept in their forest school kit bag.

Attendance/Leave of absence requests

It has been very disappointing to see increasing numbers of children absent from school, for holidays/birthdays/special days and to have received a number of requests for exceptional leave, over the past few weeks. As you will be aware, I am unable to authorise such requests, other than in truly exceptional circumstances. For your information, **family holidays are not considered exceptional**. The impact on the children, of missing time in school, should not be underestimated, both academically and especially at this age, socially. It is worth noting, a child with an attendance rate of 90% (20 days of absence), over the course of a year, is classed as persistently absent by the Department for Education. Please take note of term dates, available on our website, and organise holidays and days out, during school closure periods.