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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather starts to change, it is often a little chillier in the mornings, please ensure you send your child to school with a suitable coat, we go outside in all weathers and the children do need a warm and waterproof coat...despite what they may think! If you need a new winter coat for your child, please get in touch with me as we have plenty of new and nearly new available.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest assemblies next week. Please send in your harvest donations, from Monday, as per the list attached. These really will make a difference to the lives of local families in our local community.

It has been a very busy first term back and I hope you all get a chance to rest and recharge over the half term break, when it comes at the end of next week 😊

Kind regards - Miss K Aldred

Attendance/Request for Exceptional Leave

The Department for Education has asked all Headteachers to remind parents and carers that children should only be taken out of school, during term time in *exceptional circumstances*. For your information; holidays, do not constitute exceptional circumstances and as such, are unauthorised absences and parents and carers could be subject to a penalty notice fine or even prosecution.

Our attendance policy, with further information can be found [here](#): I am mindful, that some parents have never had the need to request exceptional leave. If you feel you are in that position please email the school office, requesting our exceptional leave form, giving as much notice as possible.

I strongly encourage you to book any holidays out of term time.

Term dates for this year and next can be found on our website.

Key Dates

21/10	Harvest Assembly Year R -09.15
22/10	Harvest Assembly Year 1 -09.15
23/10	Harvest Assembly Year 2 -09.15
24/10	FOBSA Cake Sale
24/10	Last day of school- 3.10pm finish
	27th Oct-31st October Half term
3/11	Inset day- school closed to children
4/11	Children return to school
7/11	Mufti Day
14/11	Party Night (details to follow)
07/12	FOBSA Christmas Fair
09/12	Christmas Performance Year R -09.15
10/12	Christmas Performance Year 1-09.15
11/12	Christmas Performance Year 2 -09.15
20/12	Last day of term- 3.10pm finish

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

Nut-free School

A polite reminder that we are a nut free school and as such, we ask you not to send items in packed lunch boxes which could potentially harm other children. Increasingly, we are seeing chocolate bars and biscuits, please do not send anything that may contain nuts.

Could I also ask that children refrain from eating snacks on the way out of school.

Please help us keep our school community safe.

Mufti Day – wear your own clothes to school

We will be holding a mufti day on **Friday 7th 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!

Uniform- Winter uniform

Now that Autumn has arrived I thought it would be helpful to remind everyone of our winter uniform guidance. The guidance can be found on our website [here](#)

I have begun to see increasing numbers of children deviate from our school uniform, for example wearing trainers, carrying rucksacks instead of book bags, wearing nail varnish and hair accessories, unsuitable for a school day. I would appreciate your support in ensuring the children are appropriately dressed, at all times. If you require any second-hand uniform, please get in touch as we have a good stock available.