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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. Next week, FOBSA are holding a mufti day, on Friday, please see further information below.

Thank you to everyone who came along and bought a cake or two, on our last day of term. FOBSA raised a very respectable £220!

Kind regards
Miss K Aldred - Headteacher

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 and days out 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.

Key Dates

12/11 Year 2 Trip – Living Rainforest
20/11 FOBSA Mufti Day
06/12 Breakfast with Santa FOBSA
07/12 FOBSA Happy Bags Collection
08/12 Christmas Performance Year R -09.15
09/12 Christmas Performance Year 1-09.15
10/12 Christmas Performance Year 2 -09.15
16/12 Christmas Lunch and Parties (details to follow)
18/12 Last day of term- 3.10pm finish

5/1/27 Return to school- normal time

Full term dates can be found here

Mufti Day – wear your own clothes to school

We will be holding a mufti day next**, Friday 20th November**. The children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school that day, in exchange for a donation to their class hamper. The children will still have a 'normal' day in school on that day so please ensure sensible shoes, coat and attire!

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are still looking for a lovely person to join our team of support staff.

If you would like to apply, you can do so here

Parking

Please could I ask for your assistance once again, with parking safely and courteously, when dropping off and collecting your children. Our neighbours from the Woodside Close development have been in touch to share their concerns about how vehicles are being parked, blocking drives, mounting the pavement, blocking footpaths and double parking on narrow bends.
I can appreciate parking is limited in our immediate vicinity which is why, if you are able, I would encourage as many of you as possible to walk, to school. If that is not possible please ensure you park legally, and safely, ensuring our children remain safe.