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Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer holiday seems to be a distant memory after the first week back at school. Children are settling into their routines, lessons are getting back into full swing and the grass has been cut on the field. As such, we bid a fond farewell to the intrusive weeds that plagued us at the start of the year and say hello to break and lunchtimes on our wonderful field. As the wheel of a new term begins to turn there is a lot to share with you. Without further ado, let's dig in!

PTA Meeting

I'd like to place on thanks my appreciation for the members of the PTA who welcomed me so graciously last Monday night both with words and a ready supply of biscuits. We spoke about how we could best resource the school to help the children and future dates for events that will, I'm sure, bring much happiness and excitement for all involved within the school community.

Children's Commissioner

I have been asked to pass on the following message from Dame Rachel de Souza who is the Children's Commissioner for England:

"As the Children's Commissioner I've launched this survey so you can have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. I will take your views to the Government, to help them make life better for children. Everything you tell me will be kept private. You don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. There are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly!"

If you would like to participate, I have been requested to share the following link with you:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Mental Health Support Team

In addition to the Children's Commissioner's message, I have been asked to provide further details with regards to the Mental Health Support Team. At the very end of this newsletter further information can be found that signposts support should this be something you would like to seek out.

Dates for your diary

After meeting with the PTA on Monday, we are now able to confirm some further dates for events taking place in school. Please remember, as per my previous e-mail that if there are any changes to dates or, to replace a placeholder, e.g. 'w.c. 21st September', updated dates will be issued with a **red colour**. The most current newsletter will always be the most up to date with regards to events taking place in school.

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Upcoming Events

If a date is in **red** this means it has been updated/changed from a previous newsletter.

Date	Event	Further Information
14 th September	School Photographs	Please make sure your child is in school uniform even if it is their P.E. day . This specifically applies to Eagles class who have P.E. on a Monday. If you would like to take sibling photos for children not in school these will start at 8:35. Sibling photos within school will be taken during the school day.
16 th September	Open Night Showcase **Minecraft Club is <u>not</u> on tonight due to the Open Night Showcase**	All parents for all classes are invited into school from 3:30pm – 4:30pm to see your child's/children's classroom and have an informal chance to meet-and-greet their new teacher. Please feel free to arrive at any time (between 3:30pm – 4:30pm) if you can't make 3:30pm.
18 th September	Christmas Card Creations	The PTA are coming into school to help with Christmas Card Creations today. If your children come home with glitter on their sleeves, you'll know why.
25 th September	McMillan Coffee Morning 8 am start	Breakfast Club: Please bring children to Eagles Class door (class 3) at the front of the school. Children will be in here whilst the hall is used for the coffee morning. Doors will open for the coffee morning at 8am . Please be aware this is a cash only event as we cannot process card payments. Parents and carers, please be aware that you are responsible for your children until 8:35am . At this time, you are welcome to send your child through to their classrooms. Parents are welcome to remain until 9am to finish any final slices of cake, cups of coffee and conversation. Historically, cakes have been donated for this home-made or store-bought; all are welcome.
29th September	Film Night	Children in Years 1 – 6 (Doves, Kingfishers and Eagles) are warmly invited to a film night! The film will start after school and finish at 5:30pm where parents are requested to pick up their children from their classrooms. The cost of tickets is £3.50 and will be sold of the playground by the PTA.
29th September	Foundation Meeting	Parents and carers are invited to come into school to hear all about phonics and ReadWriteInc. Ms. Lane and Mrs. Chase will deliver this will be on hand to answer any questions or queries you may have. Please note, if parents want to bring their children, please drop them off at the Year 1 & 2 class door (Doves) where a

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		member of staff will take care of them for the duration of the event. A letter will be distributed to parents with further information closer to the time.
30 th September – 1 st October	Bikeability	Year six children only are requested to bring in their bike and helmet. Please ensure your 'bikeability' form has been completed and handed into the office before the start date. If a new form is needed, please contact the office and we will be happy to supply you with one.
Date to be confirmed	Harvest Festival Worship at Church	Please can you begin to save cans, tins and other non-perishables ready for our service. Children will be encouraged to bring in these items to school where we will take them to church for our service. Afterwards, they will be taken to a local foodbank, the Lifespring Centre. https://lifespringchurchandcentre.co.uk/
October Half Term: 19th October – 30th October		
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2 nd November	Children return to school	Children return to school for the first day of the Autumn 2 half term.
11 th November	Remembrance Day	Parents and carers are invited into school to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We plan to welcome you at 10:30am for a 10:45 start on the playground.
16 th November	Odd Socks Day	Children are invited to wear their own odd socks to school today as we are led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance alongside children's TV presenter Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks.
20 th November	Children in Need	Children In Need will be supported in school this year. Children will take part in lots of themed activities throughout the day and with a BBC 1 Broadcast starting at 7:00 PM this evening, the message will surely hit home. School Uniform is to be worn but Children in Need accessories are certainly welcomed.
26 th November	Christmas Craft Day	All children will spend 30 minutes in their year group with members of the PTA to make a Christmas Craft item which will be taken home on the same day unless it's a little wet and needs to dry! Each year group will produce a unique piece of craft.
2 nd December	Secret Shopper	Taking place between 1:00pm and 3:30pm it is £2 per gift or 3 for a £5. The PTA have kindly said they will set up a range of little stalls. I'm sure it will be a delightful afternoon for the children to take part in.
11 th December	Rock Steady Winter Music Performance	An end of term performance by those children who participated in Rock Steady Music tuition. All families of the children performing are welcome to attend and celebrate their children's success. Performers are welcome to come in non-uniform for their concert. Please arrive for a 10am start as the children will be doing last minute preparations up until this time.
7 th December	Foundation Singalong	Foundation parents are warmly invited to come into school to see their child's performance at 2:45pm . Please be advised that there will be only 2 tickets made

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		available per child in Foundation. Children will be collected from classrooms afterwards.
8 th & 10 th December	KS1 Nativity	Year 1 & 2 parents are warmly invited to come into school to see their child's performance at 2pm . Please be advised that there will be only 2 tickets made available per child in Doves. Children will be collected from classrooms afterwards.
10 th December	Christmas Day Extravaganza! Christmas Dinner, Jumper and Party Day.	An extravaganza of a day! Please can all children come in their Christmas jumpers (if they chose to). Christmas activities galore will take place throughout the morning, followed up by a Christmas Dinner for lunch and in the afternoon Christmas parties. What a fun day!
18 th December	Christmas Service & Christmas Coffee Afternoon	Year 1 – 6 parents are invited to Church to join us for our Christmas Service. Children will sing carols and read aloud poems. We aim to start for 1:15pm. Service will finish for 2pm. Please collect your children from their classrooms not from church.
Christmas Holidays: 21st December – 1st January		

I hope that you will have a wonderful weekend and arrive back to school with fresh vigour for a new week.

With my best wishes,

Chris Litchfield
 Headteacher

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THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Childrens Emotional Health and Wellbeing Webinar

For Parents and Carers (Primary Age)

This one hour webinar aims to provide parents with a understanding of common mental health difficulties in young people. We will explore common mental health difficulties such as anxiety and how this might present in primary aged young people. We will also explore how you can support a young person's mental health and how to refer to the MHST.



Tuesday 17th
November 2026
12-1pm



Parents can join via Web using this link:
<https://www.microsoft.com/engb/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>
by inputting the Meeting ID and
Passcodes from the poster, by scanning the
QR code or by clicking this link. Please
note, parents won't be able to join until
the day.

Meeting ID: 370 826 015 883 475
Passcode: bY9nN29n



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