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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week seems to have passed in the blink of an eye, children are settled into their routines and another event has taken place in school this morning – but more on that later. There are a few reminders that I have been asked to pass on, some photographs from our coffee morning to share and with the commencement of October, bikeability begins for those in year six.

Please do keep an eye on the dates within the 'dates for your diary' section as we've added some additional information in **red** to show where events have been updated.

Flu Vaccinations

On Wednesday 7th October children throughout school (from Reception to Year 6) will be having the flu nasal vaccination in school if consent has been given by parents. A text message should be sent to you from the NHS which will request your consent. This is an opt in and out service and is open **now** up until three days before the 7th. This isn't a service ran by school and should you have any queries or questions, please get in touch with: immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk

Celebration Worship

Please see the information below to find out which children have been selected for our Celebration Worship this week. All the staff at Kneesall send out our congratulations to them on their hard work and deserved praise; well done to each and every one of you!






Robins	Doves	Kingfishers	Eagles
Alex	Maeve	Oscar	Isaac

Menu Changes

I have been informed that next Tuesday (29th September) there will be **cheese pizza** rather than **chicken and sweetcorn**. In addition to this, there will be an updated (and special) menu for the 5th November due to bonfire night. A poster will follow in a future newsletter which shares, in greater detail, what food will be served.

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MacMillan Cake Morning

A huge thank you goes out to our PTA in this newsletter. They have graciously given their time to come into school to set up our hall ready for this wonderful charity event. It was wonderful to welcome so many eager children, parents and carers into school this morning to have a delicious breakfast treat. As you can see from the photos below, everyone enjoyed their cake and coffee… you simply can't beat cake for breakfast!













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Dates for your diary

As ever, please remember that if there are any changes to dates or, to replace a placeholder, 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.

Upcoming Events **If a date is in red this means it has been updated/changed from a previous newsletter.**		
Date	**Event**	**Further Information**
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. Any outstanding payments are to be paid by Monday please.
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 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.
30th September – 1st 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.
7th October	**Flu Vaccinations**	On Wednesday 7th October children throughout school (from Reception to Year 6) will be having the flu nasal vaccination in school if consent has been given by parents. A text message should be sent to you from the NHS which will request your consent. This is an opt in and out service and is open now up until three days before the 7th. This isn't a service ran by school and should you have any queries or questions, please get in touch with: immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk
12th – 16th October	Travelling Book Fair Week	Throughout the week we will be hosting the Travelling Book Fair. The mobile bookcases are jam-packed with over **two hundred** of the newest and best books from over 60 publishers! What a chance to get your bookshelves topped up with some of the latest books you can get your hands on. Please note, payments are made using card only.
13th October	Parents' Evening	A chance for you to come into school and discuss how your child has settled into the new academic year. A letter will be issued in due course to provide you with specific details on how to book a slot.
15th October	Parents' Evening	

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16th October	**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		
Date	**Event**	**Further Information**
2nd November	Children return to school	Children return to school for the first day of the Autumn 2 half term.
5th November	**Bonfire Night Lunch Menu Option**	A different school dinner will be on offer today due to Bonfire Night. A poster will follow in future newsletters which gives greater detail on the food that will be served.
11th 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.
16th 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.
20th 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.
26th 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.
2nd 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.
11th 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.
7th 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 available per child in Foundation. Children will be collected from classrooms afterwards.

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8th & 10th 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.
10th 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!
18th 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		

Finally, may I leave you with news that the Palace Theatre in Newark have asked me to share a poster about their pantomime performance this Christmas (oh no they didn't!) which I have attached below.

With my best wishes,

Chris Litchfield

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