

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to one of the busiest half terms of the year. There are lots of things going on this term so please check the dates of things in this letter and keep checking for any updates on the website or twitter.

Monday 12th November sees the start of anti-bullying week. This years theme is 'Respect'. The children will be taking part in a range of activities and talking about what respect is. One of the things we are asking the children to do is wear 'Odd socks' on Monday 12th. Wearing odd socks is to show that everyone is different and we should all respect each others uniqueness. Children should still come to school in school uniform that day.

Children in Need—Friday 16th November.

Once again the school council has arranged to sell some 'Children in Need' merchandise at the beginning of each school day. They have a range of ears, bands and badges on sale. They have also organised a 'wear your pyjamas' to school day. They are asking children to wear their pyjamas to school on Friday 16th November and donate £1 to Children in Need.

Parents evening—Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th November. Please come along to see your child's class teacher to see how well they are doing in school. If you are struggling to book an appointment online please see Mrs Osborne who will try and book one for you. If you are struggling to make the dates please see your child's class teacher directly and they will try to make alternative arrangements with you. PTA will be selling refreshments during these sessions up to 6pm.

Nursery parents evening on Thursday 15th from 1.30pm will be held in the main school building and not the nursery block.

Mr Foster has also brought to my attention the number of children who **never** have a PE kit in school and are still wearing ear rings. PE is a compulsory subject in the curriculum which every child needs to participate in. They need to have appropriate clothing for this in school please. Most PE lessons this half term will be indoors and so children only need a white t-shirt and black shorts. Please can you ensure that your child has their kit in school on their PE days.

We also have quite a few children who are still wearing ear rings on PE days. Ear rings can be removed from 6 weeks after piercing, as most children now had them done prior to 30th September the children should now be removing them before their PE lessons. If you have a problem with your child's ear rings please see either myself or Mr Foster to explain the issues.

We have now finalised the dates for our Christmas plays. These events are ticket only and are limited to 2 tickets per family in the first instance, this is because of fire regulations and the number of people we can have in the hall at any one time. Letters regarding the tickets will go out at the beginning of December.

H. Otley

Diary Dates



8th November	Creative creations working with Y1-3 on anti-bullying
9th November	Year 6 to Dodworth Methodist Church for WW1 memorial service
12th November	Odd sock day whole school to mark the start of anti-bullying week
13th November	Bags to school
13th November	Parents Evening
15th November	Parents Evening
16th November	Children in Need day
19th November	Inter school gaming competition with a group of Y6 children
21st November	Crucial Crew Class Centaur
22nd November	Year 3 Fire safety talk
23rd November	Miss Bannister's leaving assembly for the children - If you would like to make a donation towards a gift from the children please send to school as soon as possible
24th November	Choir singing at Methodist Christmas Fayre
29th November	James Brunt Environmental artist working in school (Y1-6)
30th November	Christmas Fayre at school 6pm
9th December	Choir singing at Village Christmas Carol concert
12th December	Year 1 to 3 Christmas play 9.45am in the school hall
12th December	Year 4 to 6 Christmas play 1.45pm in the school hall
13th December	Year 4 to 6 Christmas play 1.45pm in the school hall
14th December	Reception and Nursery Christmas play in the Chapel at 9.30am
14th December	Year 1 to 3 Christmas play 1.45pm in the school hall
17th December	PTA Wrap a present £2 per gift
18th December	Year 1 to 6 Pantomime
18th December	Christmas dinner
19th December	PTA Wrap a present £2 per gift
19th December	Nursery Christmas party in the morning
19th December	Class Hedwig Christmas Party in the nursery building in the afternoon
19th December	Year 1 to 3 Christmas Party in the afternoon
20th November	Year 4 to 6 Christmas party in the afternoon
21st December	Choir out singing at Water Royd nursing home
21st December	Break up for Christmas
7th January	INSET day
8th January	Children back