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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after, what I hope has been a lovely half term for you all. The children as always have made a wonderful start to the second half of the term, already producing some amazing work.

As you will see in this week's mailings, we have sent you a letter regarding a pre planned trip to the Churchill for the whole school to go to see Jack and the Beanstalk, this year's Pantomime. We are very mindful that everyone's bills from food to energy to mortgages and fuel has increased significantly over the past couple of months in particular. This trip was planned before the summer break and before the magnitude of the 'Cost of Living' crisis was as apparent as it is now. In the letter, you will see that we have put various payment options for the trip, but if you are struggling with this payment, please come and see me. Our intention was not to be insensitive to the finances of families at this time; we just had planned this event a very long time ago.

With that in mind, please be reassured that after January the amount of money that we ask from you for trips will be much reduced, with more local visits and where possible, trips further afield we will aim to use public transport if we are able to.

If you are really struggling this winter and need someone to speak to, please do not hesitate in coming to speak to anyone that you feel comfortable talking to. We at least have a warm building for you to come and have a cup of tea in and where possible we will do our best to help or signpost you to people that can.

Reading and Times Table Rock Stars Challenge

Well done to all of the children who achieved their first badge in our Reading and Times Table Rock Stars challenge. I know some children have started the challenge late, but as long as they read and complete at least one 'game' on Times Table Rock Stars on consecutive school days, they can still earn their badge.



Homework grids, spellings and newsletters on the website

Please be reminded that your children's spellings and curriculum newsletters are on the website under learning. Homework grids can be found on Google Classroom.



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Dates reminder

This term is our busy and fun term as we begin the countdown to December, looking forward, finally to what we hope will be an undisrupted year of Christmas festivities at school. As we can finally resume our normal Christmas festivities this year with parents being able to attend on site, we will not be holding class Christmas Markets this year which took place for the last two years. Please find below a reminder of our dates and times of various performances, parties, and discos.

Tuesday 29 November	9:15am	KS2 Choir Performance to Parents
Tuesday 6 December	1.30pm	Year 1, 3, 5, 6 Hippogriffs - Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime @ Churchill Theatre
Wednesday 7 December	9:30am	Year 1 Christmas Play
Thursday 8 December	9:15am	KS1 Choir Performance to Parents
Thursday 8 December	1:30pm	Year R, 2, 4, 6 Dragons - Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime @ Churchill Theatre
Friday 9 December	9:30am	Year 2 Christmas Play
Monday 12 December	2.30pm	Year 3 & 4 Carol Performance- School Hall
Tuesday 13 December	2.00-3.00pm	Year 5 & 6 Carol Service at St Giles
Wednesday 14 December	9:30am	Reception Christmas Nativity
Friday 16 December		Whole School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day
Friday 16 December	4.00-5.15pm 5.45-7.00pm	Reception- Year 3 Christmas Disco Year 4- Year 6 Christmas Disco
Monday 19 December		Elf Day
Tuesday 20 December		Class Parties & Visit from Father Christmas
Wednesday 21 December		Christmas Movie & PJ Day

Waterstones Trip

We have organised a visit to Waterstones in Bluewater on Monday 14 November whereby we are taking some children to choose books for our new library. Children that are going on this visit will receive their letter on Monday 7 November. Our aim is that every child will have the opportunity to go on a Waterstones visit this academic year, however in the interim, all children will be asked to share with us some books that they recommend so we can buy their choices for our school library. If you have any recommendations, please email the title and author to admin.office for my attention and I can purchase your books.

Anti Bullying Week

To celebrate and recognise the importance of Anti-Bullying Week, this year we will be asking children and staff to wear odd socks to school on Monday 14 November. Odd Socks Day is a fun way to celebrate difference but allows us to have open discussions with our children about bullying. We will have an assembly with the children to discuss how bullying affects us, what to do if you're worried about bullying and why it's important that we are all unique. This year's theme is Reach Out which will empower children to have the skills to do something positive against bullying this theme will be explored through our PSHE lessons during Anti-Bullying Week.



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Children in Need

This year on Friday 18 November, we will be having a non-uniform day to recognise this day. Now, more than ever, children and families will need support from charities in order to survive, therefore, we will be asking all children to come in non-uniform of the children's choice and bring in a donation of affordability to your own household circumstances.

The PTA will also be holding a coffee morning on this day between 9am – 10am in the hall, to which all parents/carers are invited. This will be a great opportunity for parents to be able to get together post pandemic to discuss anything and everything in an informal way. We would really appreciate any cake donations for this event, where all donations will also go to Children in Need.



Attendance table for Autumn Term One

You may recall that at the beginning of the term, we sent a letter out reminding parents about the importance of good attendance at school. I am very pleased to say that we have had far less requests for time off school so far this year. Obviously, we are heading into a time of year when everyone starts to pick up bugs, and sometimes the children are just not well enough to be here, so we fully recognise that attendance of most children may dip this term, however, where possible please send your children into school should they have a little 'niggle' of something, as often a day with their friends takes their mind off feeling a bit under the weather.

Please find below the attendance for each class for the last half term

Class	Attendance Percentage
Pixies	94.5
Cherubs	94.8
Unicorns	96.8
Pegasus	97.7
Giants	96.9
Centaur	98.0
Dragons	97.4
Hippogriffs	96.4

Well done to our winning class for the first half term..... Centaurs with 98%.



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Christmas Events for the Children

As we have a very slimmed down PTA this year, we have been unable to organise a Christmas Market. Volunteers are desperately needed so we can organise events such as these in the future for our children, therefore please contact Vikki Cheeseman – parent in Pegasus and Dragons class if you would like to support us in being able to organise events for the children whilst raising funds for the school and charities. Obviously, we still want the children to have an amazing and fun lead up to Christmas, so we have planned the following:

- Jolly Jam Jars
- Arts and Crafts Stall
- Christmas Jumper & Costume Sale
- Christmas Disco

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Miss James
Head Teacher





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