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Dear Parents and Carers,

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It has been lovely to return to school this week, seeing the children working productively and confidently in class and hearing lovely rehearsals in preparation for our journey to the end of term in school.

The children responded really well to the work completed last week as part of our Anti-Bullying week. Through the rest of the term, we will continue to focus on the core theme of the week; 'One Kind Word'. This will help children develop and consolidate their learning about how their actions can impact positively or negatively on others. I do also hope that the parent booklet proved to be useful at home. If there is anything that we can do to further support your child with any area of anxiety or worry that they might have, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Thank you so much for all support for the T4U Shoebox Appeal that we have supported this year. The very kind donations of filled shoe boxes will really help support children in deprived communities and help spread a bit of the magic and joy during the Christmas season. Thank you so much again for all your support with this.



Friday After School Club Provision

As previously shared through the school newsletter, it has been necessary to review the after-school club provision that is currently in place on a Friday. This was important to do, to ensure that from a financial perspective, this provision was viable to continue at this time.

In school, we have completed a review of current up-take for the after-school club and have balanced this against expenditure required to run the club efficiently.

From discussions with the Governing Body, the decision has been made that as from the start of the Easter Term (5th January 2022), the provision for after school care on a Friday will not continue. The club will run, as usual, from Monday to Thursday 2.45p.m. - 5.30p.m.

I appreciate that this may cause some childcare difficulties for some parents, but hope this period of notice regarding the Friday club will give you adequate time to arrange alternative childcare arrangements as needed. Thank you for your support and understanding with this decision.

Next Week in School

After School Club Programme

Next week is the last week of the teacher led after school clubs in school (including Dance Fusion Club). I hope that the children have enjoyed taking part in these clubs through the term.

Our Easter Term club programme will now start to be put together and circulated to parents early in the new year.

Coram Life Education and Scarf Online Workshops

The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting our school virtually on Wednesday and Thursday next week, to lead their SCARF Live Online workshops.

Workshop Content

The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement.

- Early Years and Key Stage 1: children learn about keeping their bodies healthy, managing feelings, and being a good friend.
- Key Stage 2: children explore emotional needs, choices that can affect health and wellbeing, qualities of friendship and also learn strategies for looking after their emotional needs.

To find out more about Coram Life Education and SCARF please visit their website:

www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk

Monday:

- Year 3 and Year 4 Physical Education lessons

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 Trip to Holdenby House, Northampton – children to wear school uniform please

Wednesday:

- SCARF Coram Workshops
- Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 Physical Education lessons
- Forest School for Year 1

Thursday:

- SCARF Coram Workshops
- Cygnets and Year 1 Physical Education lessons.
- Forest School for Year 2

Friday:

- **Non-Uniform Day** in support of 999 Cenotaph – please see below and the attached letter
- Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Physical Education lessons
- Forest School for Cygnets

Non-Uniform Day on Friday in support of 999 Cenotaph

Please see attached for a parent letter for the non-uniform day organised for Friday 3rd December. This is to help support in the raising of funds to create a special monument in Whitehall, London to honour everybody who has ever served in the NHS and emergency services.

The campaign is asking that children who would like to take part in this non-uniform day wear something blue, green, red or orange for a donation of £1.

Please see the attached letter for more details regarding this day and how to donate towards this cause. Thank you in advance for your support.

Moving Towards Christmas in School

Please see below for some of the activities and events organised to help make the lead up to Christmas really special for the children in school.

Great Bourton Christmas Tree

Children will be designing decorations for the Great Bourton Christmas Tree over the next week in school.

Decorations will help share messages about hopes for the future.

Christmas Trees

We are looking forward to receiving Christmas Trees very shortly, to help make the school very festive.

Thank you to the PTFA for their support in providing these trees for the children to enjoy.

Christmas Crafts

The PTFA have very kindly provided funds for classes to organise Christmas Craft Afternoons through the last week in school.

Christmas Cards – two options for this year

Option 1

There will be a school Christmas Postbox by the school reception area from **Wednesday 1st December**.

Children will be able to post their cards up to **Friday 10th December**. The cards will then be sorted for delivery to children by the School Council in the last week of the term.



Option 2

To help support in reducing paper and potential landfill at this time of year and also to provide the opportunity to support charities which are important to us, we are also offering children a different option for their Christmas cards this year.

If they would like, children are very welcome to:

- Write one card to their class and or teachers.
- Put a £1 coin in the envelope with the card.
- Write their name and a chosen charity that is important to them on the front of the envelope.
- Cards are then posted in the Christmas Card postbox.
- The School Council will choose two of the cards at random on **Monday 13th December**. The two identified charities will receive half of the donated money received by the school respectively.
- All the cards will then be delivered to classes for display.

Other Events for the Children

Christmas Story and Carols

On **Monday 13th December**, the school will join for a Christmas Story walkthrough, led by children from Year 6.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Our whole school Christmas dinner is on **Wednesday 15th December**. Children are very welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on this day. More details to follow shortly from the PTFA regarding this day.

Whole School Assembly

On **Friday 17th December**, the whole school will come together for a special Christmas assembly, celebrating all achievements through the term in school and giving the opportunity for us all to reflect on our journey through advent and the true meaning of Christmas.

Golden Rules and House Points

Golden Rules Stars this Week

Very well done to these children who have shown clear understanding and great application of our Golden Rules.

Ralphie G, Lexi L, Iris R, William R, Antony K, Freeman W, Maci C, Zanna E, Henry C, Imogen F, Elliott S, Lucy M, Harry K and Tristan M.

House Points

House Points Totals

Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
804	805	826	811

Stars of the Week

Thea S for excellent writing this week.

William W for working very hard across all areas of his work.

Alice F for writing super sentences in phonics. Alice confidently remembered which diagraphs to use in each word.

Jackson H for trying very hard in the "fun maths quiz" this week.

Alfred K for great ideas when using noun phrases in his instruction writing.

Thea C for great Maths work, with confidence shown when counting in 3's.

All of Year 3 for working incredibly hard on their Maths and Reading assessments.

Emmett T-C for fantastic efforts to develop his writing.

All of Year 4 for their wonderful efforts, hard work and helpfulness to Mrs Andrews through this week.

Evie T-D for showing great attention to detail in her writing.

Thomas W for really striving to improve his Maths skills; well done Thomas!

Sawyer K for making a real concerted effort to achieve in all aspects of the curriculum, which has been capped off with excellent assessment results.

Tyler M for showing a real improvement in his Maths work, which has been achieved through an increase in focus and application of times tables knowledge.

Many congratulations also to:

Rosie A for passing her Grade 2 Modern Dance exam with Distinction, gaining 85 marks.

Aidan S for continuing with his cyclo-cross success with a recent 2nd place position in a race in Corby. Aidan is competing in a regional competition this weekend in Worcester; good luck Aidan!

I wish you all a restful weekend

Yours sincerely

Phil Goldsworthy

Attached to this newsletter:
999 Cenotaph Letter for Parents