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Dear Parents and Carers,

GET YOUR BAKE ON! – A big thank you to all our families and staff who supported Monday's event, the hall was packed tea, toast and cake was everywhere what a fantastic turn out from our community. Our winning baking prize went to the Gledhill family; it was a gorgeous choccy cake!



MacMillan Coffee morning raised a fantastic £315.00 Thank you to all our staff who ran this busy event and families and friends of Sheep Dip who attended and gave their support.

Bullying – we do not like any type of bullying in our school – that includes 'Cyber Bullying' and this will not be tolerated. Children need to report any instances to a member of staff in order for this to be dealt with, parents/carers will be called into school if necessary.

Foundation Stage – this week in FS we have been baking Gingerbread Men! We were shocked to find floury footprints across the classroom...it seems that we had an escapee! Keep looking for a Gingerbread Man on the loose. Don't forget that next week **we have our FS2 parent workshop on Tuesday at 9:00am**. We are hoping that every parent will be able to attend this session with their child. Please see a member of staff if you need any further info.

KS1 – Year 1 and 2 – this week the children have been mastering writing sentences about 'Beegu' - our favourite alien! In our R.E session we have been looking at the Creation Story.

Lower KS2 – Year 3 and 4 this week the children have continued to extend their knowledge on the eye and how we see following our fantastic workshop last week with 'Parkhurst Opticians'. They have been looking at how the different parts of the eye help us to see and have also been comparing this to the eyesight of other animals.

Upper KS2 – Year 5 and 6 – this week the children have enjoyed in Year 6 our R.E session focusing on commitment, perseverance and patience all qualities shown in faiths we study. We had some great recipes for commitment created by some groups.

PTA ~ We are on the lookout for any volunteers for our parent teacher group which support school events and fund raising for special resources for the children each year. If you are interested in joining please see Miss Graham our admin manager for information or the PTA Parent/Chair Mrs S Bradley.

Calling all parents/carers: Letters have gone out this week for anyone who would like to apply to become a parent/carer governor. If you are interested in this voluntary and important role to support our school please see your child's class teacher or admin for a nomination form.

If any parents would like to volunteer within school, listening to readers etc. please leave your name and availability with class teacher or admin so we can add you to our rota 😊

Immunisations: The health team are offering flu vaccinations for children from Reception FS2 to Year 5 this year again, if you haven't signed consent and you wish your child to receive this vaccination please see your class teacher. The team are in school on Thursday 25th October and again for final catch ups on 18th January.

School Uniform – Could we please ask for you to label your children's uniform, it helps class teachers and staff return any lost items. Please remind your KS2 children that they need to be responsible for their uniform by keeping it safe in their bag in the class cloakroom.

If a child takes their jumpers or coats off when outside it is their responsibility to pick it up and take it back inside. If your child has brought home an item that is not theirs please pass this to the class teacher the next day. Many thanks.

Headlice alert: There have been a number of reported cases of headlice this week in school. Can we ask all families to check your child's/children's hair this weekend. Please be vigilant and even after you have treated your child's hair, keep the combing routine going for 7 days using conditioner. We recommend girls with long hair wear this fastened back in a plait or bun to help. If you need any advice please do not hesitate to contact school, Mrs Smith our Inclusion lead will be happy to help.

Dates for your diary:

We try to give parents/carers plenty of notice of dates – however these may be subject to change, thank you.



- **Wednesday 17th October** – 3rd Family Thrive session
- **Thursday 25th October, Flu Vaccine** – Nurses in school – Please return your form to class teacher
- **Friday 26th October** – Halloween Dress Up (or down) £1.00 donation to school

HALF TERM – school breaks up on Friday 26th October and re-opens Monday 5th November

- **Thursday 8th November** – Remembrance Assembly with Mr Grimley
- **Friday 9th November** – Bottle Dress Down Day
- **Friday 16th November** – Choccy Dress Down Day
- **Friday 23rd November** – Autumn Fayre
- **Thursday 6th December** – KS1 cinema evening – more details to follow
- **Friday 7th December** – KS2 Christmas disco – more details to follow
- **Week Beginning 10th December** – Christmas Concert week
- **Friday 14th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Week beginning 17th December** – Christmas Party week & Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 21st December** – School breaks up for Christmas
- **Monday 7th January 2019** – Back to school
- **Friday 1st February 2019** – Teacher Training Day
- **Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th March 2019** – Year 5 Residential to Kingswood
- **Thursday 27th to Friday 28th June 2019** – Year 4 Residential to Austerfield
- **Thursday 4th – Friday 5th July 2019** – Year 6 Residential to Parson House
- **Friday 19th July 2019** – School Closes for Summer Break
- **Monday 22nd July 2019** – Teacher Training day

With many thanks for your continued support!

Mrs Faye Parish

Head Teacher

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