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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely half-term break.

I thought it might be helpful to remind you of a few things that are happening in the next couple of weeks and the rest of the term.

(THIS) FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER: SHOE BOX APPEAL (9.00 – 10.00am)

It would be great if all of the children could bring a decorated (in Christmas paper) Shoe Box to school on Friday filled with gifts for children in the village we are supporting in Romania. If your child would like to write a short, simple message with a picture drawing to the children it would be even more warmly received.

We will be passing the boxes down a long line of children and hopefully lots of parents to the church, where they will be collected, taken to Witney and then transported to Romania. Once again, we will be filming the trip they make from Standlake to Finis, Romania.

Spare boxes and leaflets to label the boxes are available from just inside Reception.

THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER: REMEMBRANCE DAY

We will be holding a 15-minute time of reflection on the playground and laying a Poppy Wreath in the peace garden, before the children go into their classrooms for registration in the morning. We will start at 8.50am and be finished at 9.05am. Parents are welcome to stay and join us or leave their children with the class teacher, who will be outside waiting for them.

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER: EARTHSHOT DAY

You may be aware of the Earthshot Prize that is a new global prize for the environment, designed to incentivise change and help repair our planet over the next 10 years. This has been initiated to coincide with the COP26 that is going on at the moment, bringing countries together to agree on ways to save our planet. You can find out more about it by going to [generation.earthshotprize.org](https://www.generation.earthshotprize.org)

We will be having our own Earthshot Prize Day and awarding a cash prize to a group of children who come up with a great idea from one of the 5 Earthshot ideas: Revive our Oceans, Protect and Restore Nature, Clean our Air, Fix our Climate or Build a Waste-Free World. The cash prize will be used to make their idea a reality in our local area.

Over the next two weeks we will be introducing the children to the 5 Earthshot ideas and they will select the one they feel most passionate about. On the Friday, they will join other children from across the school who have a similar passion for the idea, identify the problem, come up with ideas to address the issue, identify a solution and then present it to a panel of judges at the end of the day who will decide the winner.

We hope this day will help inspire the children to THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL and find ways to address the pressing needs to protect our planet.

I SHOULD ONLY HAVE TO ASK ONCE!

At the end of last term we noticed that some children were taking a little too long to do what an adult asked first time and we would like to 'nip this in the bud'. So, in our assembly this morning I explained to the children that for the next couple of weeks all adults will be looking for children who are **ready to listen and learn** after a countdown of "3...2...1..."; those who **follow adult instructions first time**; and children who **move around the school quietly and calmly**.

We will be making an extra effort to catch the children being good and reward them with praise, house points, Star of the Week certificates, Positive Playtime Book and looking for the end of term 'Chosen One' for a treat.

Children who do not do what an adult asks first time will meet with me at the end of the day to reflect on their behaviour choices and be given a letter to pass on to you after school, explaining which of the behaviours outlined above they didn't follow.

Please ask your children about the assembly this morning and we would appreciate your support with what we hope will be a short, sharp behaviour strategy to remind the children of the importance of showing respect to **all** adults by doing what they are asked first time.

FINALLY...

I hope that you enjoyed Term 1 Newsletter that celebrated all the wonderful things we did and shared days and dates of events happening this term. If you did not get a copy of the newsletter, please pop into the school office to collect one.

Kind regards,

Andrew Denham