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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a good half-term break and got the opportunity to have some quality time with friends and family. We have had a good first few days back and are looking forward to our annual Shoe Box Appeal next week. Here are some key announcements and reminders for the term ahead:

Separating Nursery and Reception Class and increasing the hours: From 1st January 2024,

We are pleased to announce that we will be providing a bespoke Nursery provision (in a separate classroom) and **increasing the hours to 8.00am-5.00pm**. The cost of a Nursery session will also be increasing to £5.00 per hour from 1st January.

Initially we will be open to children 3-years-and-above but may look to dropping to 2-years-and-above later in the year, depending on the new government funding coming that has been announced and the potential uptake from local families.

We are also delighted to announce that Debbie List, who many of you will already know as a parent and excellent child minder, will be our Nursery Room Leader. Mrs Harrison will have an overview of both classrooms and continue to teach the Reception class. Children who are currently in the Nursery cohort will have the opportunity to meet Mrs List this term.

More details to follow but please share the good news with the wider community.

Whole School/Pupil Information Form & Home School Agreement: Overdue

We will be sending another reminder to the 13 families who have still not returned these important documents. This means we still don't know if 23 children have new medical needs, different parental contact numbers or addresses or a change in 'permissions'. This is a worrying safeguarding concern for us should anything happen at school with the children. **If you have not returned these forms, please do so this week.**

Year 3-6/Boccia Tournament: Monday 6th November

We will be taking a team of 6 children to this tournament and asking parents to transport their child to and from the event. Letters have already been sent out to the children event.

Year 6/Bartholomew Transition Day: Thursday 9th November, School Time

A letter has already been sent to parents about this. Children not attending Bartholomew will need to come to Standlake school as normal on that day.

Whole School/Shoe Box Appeal: Friday 10th November, morning drop-off time

Children are to arrive at school and bring their Shoe Boxes to the school hall. Once the children have gone back to their class to be registered, we will meet back in the hall and then form a 'human chain' between the school and St Giles church, ready to pass the boxes along the line. Family and friends of the school are welcome to join us.

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Whole School/Remembrance Service: Monday 13th November, 8.45-9.00am

We will hold a short time of reflection by the Peace Garden, on the playground beside the field. Family and friends of the school are welcome to join us.

Year 5&6/EPA Athletics Competition: Monday 20th November, 3.45-5.00pm

We will be taking a team of 9 boys and 9 girls to this competition. A coach will take them to Bartholomew Sports Hall and we will be asking parents to pick them up. Letters to follow.

Whole School/FOSS Christmas Fair: Sunday 10th December, 12.00-4.00pm

This will be taking place at Standlake Village hall. Please come along and support.

Whole School/Parents Evening Meetings: Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December

These will be held in the school hall throughout the afternoon and early evening. Sign-up will be sent out via ParentMail in the next couple of weeks.

Murphy & Donaldson Class/Nativity Play: Thursday 14th December, 2.00pm and 6.00pm

A total of two tickets per family (four tickets for separated families) will be made available at the beginning of December. We will record the nativity play and **show it at 7.00pm on the same day, via Zoom**. Please note that Murphy and Donaldson class will also be performing two of their songs at the Christmas church service the following week. This will be another opportunity for anyone who missed the whole performance to see the children perform live.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children/Panto trip: Friday 15th December, taking place during the school day

The children will be watching Jack and the Beanstalk. Letters to follow.

Year 3 to 6/World War 2 Day: Friday 15th December, all day

We would like the children to come dressed in an appropriate WW2 costume for the day. The children will be doing activities about this terms history topic.

Whole School/Christmas Service: Thursday 19th December, 2.00pm

The children will be performing a class song during the service. The children in an **IRock band** will also perform at this service. Children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day.

Whole School/Christmas Party Tri-Morning & Last Day: Wednesday 20th December, finish 1.15pm

Children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day, as well.

Thank you.

School Office