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Headteacher's Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome back to another half-term and I hope you all enjoyed a restful break. It's been a very rainy start to November and there's a definite crisp in the air but we have planned plenty to keep your children busy in the run-up to Christmas - we have the Year 4 Residential, Children in Need, Anti-Bullying Week and the Beighton Lantern Parade to look forward to as well as our Christmas Performances! As ever, this newsletter will keep you up to date with events which are due to take place at school over the next half term and will also give you a few reminders; further information is also available on our school website and through OurSchoolsApp. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, then Mrs Fairfax or myself are available on the school yard most mornings.

Carole Stafford, Headteacher

Assembly Themes

*This half term we are focussing on the Core Value of 'Take Responsibility' and taking time to 'Stop, think and do the right thing.' I will talk to the children about accepting responsibility for their behaviour, showing initiative and contributing positively to their school, the community and society more widely.

*We have also introduced an additional 'Embrace and Believe' assembly each Tuesday for children from Year 1 to Year 6 – in this assembly, children learn more about the lives of people around the world, important festivals and about different faiths and religions. In this way, children are taught to be caring citizens and are helped to appreciate and show respect for their own and other cultures.

Spooky Disco

Thank you so much to those of you who kindly volunteered at the Spooky Disco last week; we really couldn't do it without your help. The children enjoy these events so much and they also raise much needed funds for the school - we are currently saving up to lease new IT equipment so that we are able to replace the very old computers we have in the ICT Suite.

Staffing News

*As you may already know, Mrs Marcus is expecting her second child and will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of January. We advertised for a replacement teacher earlier this term and are very pleased to let you know that we have employed Mrs Sara Pass to be our new Nursery teacher. Mrs Brown and Mrs Hodgkinson will be sharing the day to day leadership of the Foundation Stage while Mrs Marcus is away.

*We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Minton will be returning from maternity leave at the end of this half term; she will be job-sharing with Miss Wells in Year 3/4. Mrs Minton will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday while Miss Wells will teach Thursday and Friday.

*I am sorry to inform you that Miss Smitton will unfortunately not be returning to her post of class teacher in Year 1/2. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours. In order to ensure stability for the children, Mr Hogben will continue to teach the class until the end of this term. We will be advertising for a replacement teacher shortly and will keep you updated with any further news.

Parliament Day

Our Pupil Parliament (with the help of Mrs Fairfax) organised an amazing Parliament Week last week. Each class took part in a lesson led by our Year 6 Executive Committee and learnt about important issues such as fairness, the Law and democracy. Year 3/4 pupils thought about what it would be like to be Prime Minister, Year 5s learned about manifestos and the Year 6s remembered the Suffragettes! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this a success.

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