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NEWSLETTER 05 - 25th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

READING INFORMATION/BOOKS AND BISCUITS

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the reading meeting/books and biscuits. We are going to do everything we can to encourage the children to be willing and enthusiastic readers at home. Hopefully along with everything in school we will be able to support the children to catch up some lost learning from the lockdowns so that they can become confident readers.

As you all know we have an incentive system in school for counting reads that are recorded in the books - these can add up to a trip to the park! We have amended the system slightly to allow all children who read daily from now until the end of the year to get enough "recorded reads" so that we can take everyone, rather than just a few, to the park at the end of the year.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who contributed we raised an amazing £65.43!! The children had lots of fun wearing their own and spotty clothes and doing activities in class.

TIMES OF THE DAY

Advance warning that we will be changing the times of the soft start and finish next term. School will open at 8.45am with a soft start but all children must be in school by 8.50am and the gates will open for home time at 3.15pm but all children must be collected by 3.20pm. The gate will open at 11.45am for an end of morning nursery collection and all children must be collected by 11.50am.

DOG MESS

As you will have noticed I have put out signs about dog mess on the grass near the entrance. Please encourage children to use the paths and avoid this area. I have cleaned three pairs of shoes recently and I know some parents have also had to do this.

COVID SAFETY

As you know, we have had a few cases in school (which luckily have not escalated) but we are still really keen to continue having events and to welcome families into school. Therefore I would ask that before you attend a school event, ie. Christmas play etc, that you take a lateral flow test which will hopefully reduce the potential risk of Covid spreading in our school.

MORRISONS IT'S GOOD TO GROW

Thank to everyone who collected It's Good to Grow points from Morrisons - we were able to order lots of compost, plant pots and runner beans!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We have several unsold raffle books - if you are able to sell any more tickets please come and collect some from the office.

CHURCH SERVICE

Children in Oak, Willow and Rowan Classes will be attending a church service on Thursday 16th December at St Michael's Church in Retford. One adult per child is welcome to attend. The service will start at 10am.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS & PHOTOGRAPHS

Each class will be performing their plays individually which allows for more family members to attend safely. Each child can have up to 4 adults to watch them perform their play. If you are separated then this will be two seats per parent. Please note: Borre Wickstrom took photographs of the children in their costumes on Wednesday which will be on sale at the performances. One photograph will cost £4 and two will be £6, with any extras being £3 each.

DIARY DATES

Friday 26 th November	Nursery to visit Christmas Tree Festival
Tuesday 30 th November	Reindeers visiting school
Wednesday 1 st December	Road Safety Visitors in School
Wednesday 1 st December	LAST SPORTS CLUB
Monday 6 th December	10:30 am Acorns (Nursery) Christmas Play - afternoon children to attend in the morning
Tuesday 7 th December	LAST DANCE CLUB
Thursday 9 th December	2:00 pm Oak (Reception) Christmas Play
Thursday 9 th December	LAST FOOTBALL CLUB
Friday 10 th December	2:00 pm Rowan Christmas Play
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Raffle Draw
Tuesday 14 th December	2:00 pm Willow Christmas Play
Wednesday 15 th December	Acorns (Nursery) Christmas Party (Afternoon children to attend in the morning)
Wednesday 15 th December	Oak Christmas Party
Thursday 16 th December	Rowan, Willow & Oak Classes to St Michael's Church
Thursday 16 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December	Willow Class Christmas Party
Thursday 16 th December	Rowan Class Christmas Party
Friday 17 th December	Last day of school
Monday 3 rd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th January	First day back at school (please note change of date)

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to email me the class teachers or catch me on the gate.

Joanne Cook
Head Teacher