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NEWSLETTER 05 - 28th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHILDREN IN NEED

It was great to see the children in all their spotty outfits and they certainly enjoyed showing us all what they were wearing! We raised £64 to send to Children in Need and had good conversations in assembly about what the money is used for.

STAFFING

Regrettably Mrs Bower, our previous Office Manager, has resigned. She worked at Hallcroft for 21 years, was loved by everybody, and will be very much missed. Mrs Gozney has now taken on the position of Office Manager and Mrs Marsh has been appointed as the Admin Assistant.

FOOD HUB

Bags remain at £2.50 but Fare Share food remains in short supply so we will continue with families only - it is fine for grandparents to shop if they are picking up and shopping instead of the parent. Opens at 3pm.

TIME KEEPING

Almost all of you are fantastic at bringing your children to school on time and the staff really appreciate the prompt starts this gives the children with their learning. Learning starts at 8.50am and if your child is late then they are missing out on learning and also disrupting learning for other children as the teacher has to stop and say good morning (rightly so, as it isn't the child's fault they are late) so please, please, please be on time for school.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are going to host a Christmas Fair on Thursday 1st December from 2.30pm til 4pm. **All children will need to be collected in the usual way at 2.30pm** (please collect Willow class from the bottom door where they usually come into school). We are planning on keep this event as affordable as possible with Santa at £1 and children's craft stalls for 20p. Staff and I felt that it was important to restart this lovely school event but we are very mindful that money is very tight in some households. If you do not have the spare money to bring your children to the fair please do speak to me, we are keen that all the children can be part of the event.

If you are able to donate a tombola prize (like toiletries etc) or have any decent toys and books so we can run a second hand book/toy stall please bring them into school on Monday. We will also be having tea/coffee/squash and cakes so if you could donate buns/biscuits etc on the day that would be lovely.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

All local authority schools have a Governing Body. The Governing Body supports me to make sure that the school is offering the best possible education for the children. Governors act as "critical friends"/ sounding boards for me. We advertised for parents to join our Governing Body but unfortunately no one put themselves forward. We have 3 vacancies and I would really value having input of more parents on the board so please would you consider becoming a member of the Governing Body. It involves three meetings a term - two are during the school day and one is at 5pm. They are approximately 2 hours. You do have to read some paperwork before the meeting and sometimes fill in a survey etc. If you think you might be interested and would like to know a little bit more please catch me on the playground or give me a ring. The other Governors are very friendly and are keen to have more parents on the team.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

There is just about enough interest to make running an After School Club viable. We are committing to running this club for a year and will then look again at the viability. In order to pay the staff wages and meet requirements for ratios etc the prices will need to be as follows:

Up until 4.30pm (including a substantial snack e.g. crumpets)	Up until 5.30pm	Late to pick up after 5.30pm
£6.00	£9.00 in total	£ 10 additional charge

A booking form is attached. Please complete the booking form and pay on the Friday for the following week. If you have not booked and paid your child will not be able to stay.

We will be unable to refund sessions which are not used but we will carry forward monies when a child is poorly. There are a limited number of places, due to staff ratios, therefore you **MUST** book in advance.

The club will start on Thursday 5th January and will be open every day except Wednesdays. On Wednesdays pupils can go to Sports Club for £3 (payable to Michelle at the end of Sports Club) until 4.30pm. To start with we will offer the choice of staying after Sports Club and having a snack until 5pm. This will cost an additional £3 payable to school.

Nursery (Acorns) children do not usually go to Sports Club and therefore we will offer a Nursery After School Club each Wednesday until 5pm at a cost of £7.50.

If you have any questions about After School Club please speak to Mrs Cook in the playground.

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

We realise that families use less cash now and more people would find it easier to pay school electronically. We're looking into introducing a new system in the New Year. You will still be able to pay with cash at the office if you prefer.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 29 November	Acorns visit to the Christmas Tree Festival
Thursday 1 December	Reindeers in school
Thursday 1 December	Christmas Fair
Friday 9 December	Last Parent & Toddler Group before Christmas
Tuesday 13 December	9.15am Acorns (Nursery) Christmas Play - afternoon children to attend in the morning
Tuesday 13 December	2pm Willow Christmas Play
Wednesday 14 December	9.15am Oak Christmas Play
Thursday 15 December	Church Service
Thursday 15 December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 16 December	9.15am Rowan Christmas Play
Monday 19 December	Rowan & Willow Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20 December	Acorns & Oak Christmas Parties
Wednesday 21 December	Last day at school
Wednesday 4 January	Inset Day - school closed
Thursday 5 January	First day back at school

Reminder: we have some preloved school uniform (lots of trousers, skirts etc) and shoes so please ask at Reception. Uniform does not have to have the school logo on or be new!

Food Hub runs every Friday in Term Time at 3pm - £2.50 per bag.

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

Joanne Cook
Head Teacher