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Information and Achievement Newsletter

I hope everyone had a great half term break. Children in Foundation Stage and KS1 have started practising their Christmas plays, which will be shown to the school and parents in December. LKS2 have their Hampton Court trip to look forward to and UKS2 will be visiting the Harry Potter Studios. This half term is already flying by and there is so much to fit in. We have a number of special days coming up, including Children in Need, PJ day, Wonderful Wednesday, Christmas Lunch and the Christmas Fair. I'm sure this will be a very enjoyable half term throughout the school. Yours sincerely, Mrs Green, Headteacher.

Attendance Cup - Well Done!

Week commencing-30/10 – Redwood 97.3%



Reading Cup

16/10 - Chestnut and Redwood

30/10 - Chestnut and Oak



Headteacher Postcards

A postcard from the Headteacher is given to the parents/carers of pupils who have achieved something outstanding (this could be academic or behavioural) to acknowledge their accomplishment.

Postcards sent 30/10 - Geraldine, Adelina, Rahil, Emily, Jayda and Michal from Redwood

Well done!

Safeguarding - Attendance

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child is in school, every day and on time. If your child fails to attend school regularly and the absences are unauthorised, as a parent/carer you are guilty of an offence under Section 444 of The Education Act 1996. 15 sessions' unauthorised absences will result in a warning letter. If your child then has further unauthorised absences within a 2 term period you will receive a £60 fine. (Each parent/carer will receive separate fines). If this is not paid within 21 days, the fine will rise to £120 per parent/carer. Please ensure you email/leave a voice message each day of your child's absence. When your child returns to school they must bring a letter explaining their absence (if you've sent emails, no need to send a letter), their attendance code will then be changed. If your child has a doctor's appointment, they should come to school before the appointment and return afterwards, unless stated by the doctor.

School Grid

Thank you to parents for logging on and ordering their child's meals via school grid. Please note, that parents must cancel their child's meal if they are absent (this includes Reception, KS1 and any Free School Meals children). Food is getting wasted when meals are not cancelled. If a child forgets their home packed lunch, they will be given a cheese roll (no phone call made to parent).

Children in Need

On Friday 17 November, we will be supporting the charity Children in Need. Children are invited to bring a £1 donation and have the option of wearing one item of spotty clothing on Friday 17 November. Either top or bottoms can be spotty, with the other being the usual school uniform. If children do not have a spotty item of clothing, they are welcome to wear a spotty accessory, e.g. socks, headband. Thank you for your support.

Book of the Month - November

The Christmas Pig by JK Rowling. One boy and his toy are about to change everything...Jack loves his childhood toy, Dur Pig. DP has always been there for him, through good and bad. Until one Christmas Eve, something terrible happens – DP is lost. But Christmas Eve is a night for miracles and lost causes, a night when all things can come to



life... even toys. And Jack's newest toy – the Christmas Pig (DP's annoying replacement) – has a daring plan: Together they'll embark on a magical journey to seek something lost, and to save the best friend Jack has ever known...A heart-warming, page-turning adventure about one child's love for his most treasured thing, and how far he will go to find it. A tale for the whole family to fall in love with, from one of the world's greatest storytellers. We have the book available in the school library if your child would like to borrow it. Remember Library club is every Thursday!

Lost property

If your child has lost any items, please ensure you check the lost property located by the school office. It will be emptied on Monday 13 November.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are now able to be booked via the Arbor app. If you have any problems, please contact the school office who will be happy to book on your behalf. Appointment must be booked Tuesday 14 November.

Important Dates

13+14 Nov – Reception Visits (Sep 24)

17 Nov – Children in Need

22+23 Nov – Parent Consultations

24 Nov – Occasional Day

1 Dec – PJ Day (Chocolate tombola)

6 Dec – Wonderful Wednesday

8 Dec – LKS2 Trip to Hampton Court

11 Dec – UKS2 Harry Potter Studios Trip

12 Dec – Flu Vaccinations

13 Dec – Christmas Lunch (book on School Grid)

20 Dec - School Closes at 1.30pm

