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Dear Parents,

Our value for this half term is: Responsibility

ATTENDANCE THIS TERM, SO FAR

R – 94.97% INF – 98.4%
LJN – 96.92% UPJN – 96.72%

Dates:

Fri 18th Oct: performance of Joseph at Dorstone Church

Mon 21st Oct: Hockey tournament

Tues 22nd Oct: Harvest assembly 2pm

Wed 23rd October: Enrichment day

Thurs 24th Oct: PTFA fundraising

Halloween disco.

Fri 25th Oct: Non-uniform day

Fri 25th Oct: Guy making

Fri 25th Oct: Last day for Christmas card orders

Fri 25th Oct: Last day of half term

Mon 4th November: **INSET day**

Thurs 7th Nov: Parents online safety meeting. 2pm

Fri 8th Nov: Reports out

Mon 11th Nov; Remembrance Day

Mon 11th Nov: Parents evening

Tues 12th Nov: Parents evening

Thurs 14th Nov: PTFA Quiz night at Baskerville Arms

Sat 16th Nov: Community Hall Big Breakfast

Thurs 21st Nov: Cinema trip; The Grinch

Fri 22nd Nov: Rags to Riches collection

Mon 25th Nov: Computing Conference

Tues 26th (y3 and 4) Short tennis

Fri 29th Nov: Y3,4,5,6 trip to Caerleon

Sunday 1st Dec: Service of light

Fri 6th Dec: PTFA Christmas Fair

Mon 9th Dec: Sports hall athletics, Weobley

Tues 10th Dec afternoon: Christmas carols

Wed 11th Dec evening: Christmas carols

Mon 16th Dec: Christmas dinner and party day

Tues 17th Dec: Christmas Art day

Fri 20th Dec: Finish for Christmas and pyjama day

Reading:

Reading is one of the most important and rewarding skills that anybody can learn.

It increases children's writing ability, grammar, vocabulary and, most of all, it opens up a world of information, imagination and a treasure of wonder, joy and curiosity.

We need to ensure our children feel confident with their reading ability so that they continue to read for the rest of their lives.

Becoming a fluent reader doesn't just happen. Young children learn to read from the support they have at school and at home.

At school we teach the skills to be able to read: word reading and comprehension (both listening and reading). **Word**

Reading: Phonics, understanding that the letters on the page represent the sounds. De-coding, sounding out the words.

Recognising familiar and irregular printed words and reading them by sight

Comprehension: These skills are developed through discussions of a range of stories, poems and non-fiction

At home: We would encourage you to set a time each day to hear your child read, spend time reading to them and let them see you read. Talk to your child about their book and do not worry about what level they are on.

In the younger years it is beneficial that they read their school book a few times as this will increase their fluency and they will feel more confident with reading.

In school we run a catch up programme for some children, called repeated reading. This involves the children reading the same passage each day over the week to improve their speed and fluency. By the end of the week they read with more expression and fluency and they understand what it is to be a fluent reader.

We will be holding an information evening on helping your child read later on in the term.

Warning: Please note that we have noticed that a few of our school books are in 2 different levels, confusing! We will be doing an audit of our books over the next few weeks. Please be patient with us if your child does receive the same book.

This week (a busy week, lots to remember):

Unfortunately due to the weather the **Hockey Tournament was** postponed last week, but the good news is, it is this week, Mon 21st October. Good luck to our hockey team

Monday After School Gym/Dance club: The children will be putting on a display for parents at 4pm – all welcome.

Harvest Festival, Tuesday 22nd October: **The celebrations start at 2pm.** Refreshments will be on sale.

Once again we would like to donate our harvest produce to the Hereford food bank. If your child/ren could bring in a donation on the morning of the Harvest Festival, Tuesday 22nd October Examples: Tinned meat (stews, casseroles, ham), tinned vegetables, smash, UHT/dried milk, sugar, tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard, coffee, toothpaste, soap & toilet rolls. **NO NUTS.**

Enrichment Day, Wednesday 23rd October. The children will be involved in making a film about healthy living, wellbeing (including a yoga session), how we can save our planet and music making. The children will be split into mixed years and will only do one of the activities all day but by the end of the school year they will have had an opportunity to experience all of activities. If you have any plastic bottle tops could you bring them in on this day for one of our eco projects.

PTFA fundraising Halloween disco, Thurs 24th October.

3pm until 4.30pm. Children can bring their own clothes/costumes to change into. Cost £3, which includes the disco and a snack. If you would like your child to attend please sign up on ParentPay.

Non-uniform day, Friday 25th October. £1. All proceeds to go towards reducing the cost of our Christmas treat.

Guy making, Friday 25th October. It is a tradition each year for the children to enter a, 'Guy making competition, with the Lions Club. The children have worked together to decide what they are making. It is the children's **responsibility** to ensure they bring in the items they agreed with their group this week.

Big money prizes for the school this year. **If there is any parent that is able to help transport the Guys to Ashbrook Garage, Clyro at the end of the day please let the office know.**

Open day at the Horse drawn Cider Mill at Bacton, to watch the mill in action, Friday 25th October. If any parents would like to take their children, they can pick their child up from school from 2.30pm to arrive for 3pm. Can you please inform the office asap so that we can inform the Cider Mill. Help is also needed with the apple harvest in an orchard in Cusop during half term. Please do let us know if you would like to attend either of these events and we will pass the numbers on to them.

Friday 25th: The last day of the school half term. Last day to get your Christmas card orders in.

Please note on Monday 4th November we are having staff training. School will recommence on Tuesday 5th November. Sorry we have slotted this in at the last minute. **Please ensure you change it on your calendars.**

General reminders:

Xmas 4 Schools: Thank you to everyone who has handed in their beautiful creations. Please do continue to bring them in. I will be sending everything in on 28th October so will need all orders and payment in by then. Please note we are unable to send in any orders without the payment attached.

Xmas lunch: Please don't book any lunches on ParentPay for **16th December** as we will be providing all children with a fabulous Christmas Dinner paid for by the school.

Menu choices will be sent out after half term.

PTFA FUNDRAISER, NEW PE HOODIES

The PTFA hoodies are on sale. The order form is attached alongside this newsletter and payment is available on ParentPay. Many thanks

There will be no hot school lunches on **Thurs 21st November** as we are having a cinema trip on that day (letter attached) therefore please do not book lunches on that day.



If we have any Aldi shoppers amongst you all, please could you help us collect the Get Set to eat fresh stickers. There is a chance to win £20,000 for the school!

If you need any further information, do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

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