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Dear Parents

Wow Friday is here again! Here is our weekly news.

Dates:

Fri 28th Sept: Peer mediation training
Mon 1st Oct: School Parliament
Thurs 4th Oct: World poetry day
Thurs 4th Oct: Hockey tournament at Whitecross (2pm-4pm)
Fri 5th Oct: Castle visit
Mon 22nd Oct: Harvest assembly
2pm
Fri 26th Oct: Non-uniform day
Fri 26th Oct: Guy making
Fri 26th Oct: Last day of half term
Mon 5th Nov: Inset day (no school)
Tues 6th Nov: Second half term begins
Wed 7th Nov: Year R to 5 flu vaccination
Fri 9th Nov: School reports
Tues 13th Nov: Whole school cinema trip
Mon 19th Nov: Parents evening
Tues 20th Nov: Parents evening
Mon 26th Nov: Netball tournament at Weobley
Tues 11th Dec: Christmas production (evening performance)
Wed 12th Dec: Christmas production (afternoon performance)
Mon 17th Dec: Athletics at Weobley
Thurs 20th Dec: Finish for Christmas
Wed 9th Jan: First day of the Spring term

LOOKING BACK

Peer Mediation: The first day of the training started today...

"Peer mediation training on the first day is always fun, especially this one. We put three signs up in the hall, saying YES-USUALLY, NO-NEVER and SOMETIMES-MAYBE. Mrs Jones asked us a question and we had to go to the answer we thought was best. We did a role-play of being peer mediators resolving a problem. We are hoping that we can solve everybody's arguments and make this school a happier place."

Bea Bowie and Iris Eliot

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: Please ensure your permission slips for photographs and trips are returned by Monday. Also we are still awaiting data sheets from some parents, we assume if they are not returned then all contact details etc. remain the same.

Year 5 swimming: £4 weekly cost

Wednesday: Reception class, forest school

Friday: Y5 and 6 Peer mediation training (day 2)

GENERAL NOTICES

Becoming a Governor: Thank you to the parents who have put their name forward to become a parent governor. If there are any grandparents that are interested in joining the governing body please let Sarah Scourfield know.

PTFA: We have a new team, 'heading up,' the PTFA.
Chair: Annabelle Holland Secretary: Matthew Bickley
Treasurer: TBC
Thank you so much.

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A message for parents who travel on school transport: There is a 'WhatsApp' group for CLF01, this is used for parents to let the drivers know of any daily changes to School Transport - clubs, children going home with Grandparents etc.

Parents must let the drivers know on the 'WhatsApp,' group by 2:30pm or most definitely by 3pm of any changes. The drivers will not be able to receive messages after 3pm as they have to have their phones off for safety reasons.

COMING UP

Year 5 and 6 Hockey Tournament: Children involved would have had a separate letter.

Whole school trip to Clifford Castle: Friday 5th October (weather permitting)

On the afternoon of Friday 5th October the whole school will be visiting Clifford Castle to learn about the fascinating history of our village. Your child will be bused there after lunch, at a very reasonable cost of £1.50 per child. Please send your monies in, in a clearly labelled envelope. At the end of the school day, 3.15pm you can choose to collect your child from the castle or stay on with your child for the PTFA event that follows, it would be great to see as many families there as possible. (Please note no child can stay to the PTFA event without an adult).

PTFA event at the castle: 3.15 – 5pm (Our first of the year, let's make it a good one). The PTFA invites parents and siblings to join us at the castle for a bbq and games/treasure hunt. This event is weather dependent and there is an alternative date of 12th Oct if rain stops play.

Could we also add a call to y 5 and 6 parents to get in touch with us if they can help? Help required to set up beforehand, clear up afterwards, help with bbq or food donations, be there to help supervise children, or bring along/organise any games.

Please browse our website for photos and any updates.

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

Yours sincerely,

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COMMUNITY

DANCE:

Hay on Wye College of Arts presents

POWYS DANCE

MONDAYs

Parish Hall

Lion Street, Hay on Wye

Girls and Boys from 4-7, 8-12

All Welcome.

See attached information for detail

CODING:

The Globe at Hay are starting a Code Club for young children. Code Club is about teaching children step by step lessons on Scratch, HTML, CSS and Python by making games animations and websites. And its all completely free.

Code club starts on 19th September at 4pm

<https://www.codeclub.org.uk/> - This is the code club website for you to read in case you want further information.

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PTFA

Dear Parents

Attached are the minutes of the AGM held last Thursday, 13th September and the ordinary meeting which followed it. Also the treasurers report. The accounts are due to be checked by an independent examiner in the next few weeks and if there are any corrections to be made, we will notify everybody. These documents will also be on the PTFA page of the website.

Happily we welcomed some enthusiastic new members, voted in some new officers and committee members and are starting the new school year with plenty of new ideas and renewed enthusiasm! We are very pleased to confirm Annabelle Holland (Mum to Molly in Y1 and Daisy and Isla in Reception) as our new chair and Matt Bickley (Dad to Arthur in Y1) as the secretary. We think we have a new treasurer too but are awaiting confirmation and until then Cat Barnett will remain in post. Jess Shaw also steps down as vice-chair and this post is currently vacant if anyone wants it? The retiring officers, Bridie (secretary) and Jess Cocozza-Clack (chair) are staying on the committee and say a huge thank you to all the past and current committee members for their tireless practical and moral support.

Please come along to our event at Clifford Castle in two weeks time (weather permitting) and if any year 5/6 parents can help out, please get in touch with Bridie bridiewhittle@gmail.com.

Please continue to support the PTFA and their efforts to raise funds to pay for the essentials that are not covered by the school budget and the added extras that help make our children's time at Clifford School so valuable and memorable. Remember, as parents, you are all in/on/part of the PTFA and it cannot exist without your support.