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Dear Parents / Carers,

I write to inform you of a number of additional news items relating to this half term.

Firstly, in acknowledgement of Anti-Bullying Week Monday 11th – Friday 15th November, we would like to support the national request to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November. During the course of the week, children will be participating in a number of discussions and activities supporting and upholding our belief in saying 'NO to bullying'.

Secondly, Friday 15th November, is "Children in Need" day and whilst we have already supported our chosen charity this term, The Good Shepherd, I would like to invite children to wear sports clothing for a donation of £1 payable on ParentPay. As part of the day, we will be participating in "The Big Morning Move" – a Joe Wicks lesson supporting our children's learning of the importance of exercise and movement. All money raised will be donated to the Children in Need appeal. Thank you in advance for your donations and support.

Miss Billingsley, our English Leader, has signed up to The Sun newspaper's reading challenge and the collection of tokens which will appear in the Sun newspaper from Saturday 23rd November. We have been overwhelmed by your sharing of your Aldi tokens with over 900 tokens collected. We hope to collect as many Sun newspaper tokens with your support. If you or any family members or friends have any tokens, please send them into the school office or your child can hand them to your child's classteacher. Thank you once again.

I also take this opportunity to inform you of staff changes. As you will be aware, Mr Purchase left us at the end of last half term but I am pleased to announce that our new Site Manager is Mr Turner. We wish him a smooth and happy transition to our school.

In addition, to all our children and parents in Mrs Holmes' class, I write to inform you that Miss Parry will become our new Year 3 classteacher when Mrs Holmes commences her maternity leave at the end of January. To support children's continuing learning, Miss Parry and Mrs Holmes will team-teach in January thus enabling Miss Parry to get to know each and every child and likewise for the children to build a relationship with Miss Parry.

I write also to remind you of our Maths open morning on Tuesday 21st November. As I have previously written, this will provide an opportunity for you to work alongside your child in class rather than attending a morning or evening workshop.

Unfortunately, due to medical reasons, Year 3's open morning must change to Friday 22nd November. I apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

We welcome you to join us from 9:00 – 11:00 am. In order to support class teachers' preparations, please sign and return the form below indicating your intention to come along.

Finally, I write tentatively to inform you that the school may be used as a polling station for the planned General Election on Thursday 12th December. Therefore, as a forced closure, children and staff will not be able to attend on that day. I will confirm the school closure as soon I am informed officially. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, a reminder of a number of dates for your diaries:

Wednesday 13th November: Rec/KS1 Visit to the Lighthouse Cinema

Friday 15th November: 9:00 Year 5's Class Assembly

9:00-3:00 Flu Vaccinations

2:00 Friends of Oak Meadow meeting – All welcome

Monday 25th November: 9:00 – 12:00 Year 6 Height & Weight checks – by School Nurses

Tuesday 26th November: Year 5's Visit to Warner Brothers Studios

Monday 2nd – Monday 9th Dec: Scholastic Book Fair (Open to all 3:15 – 4:00 pm)

Wednesday 4th December: Year 6's Visit to RAF Cosford to experience a war-time Christmas

Thursday 5th December: 2:15 Year 1 Christmas Assembly

Friday 6th December: 9:00 Reception's visit to Birches Valley Christmas Experience

9:00 Year 1's Christmas Assembly

Wednesday 11th December: 2:15 Reception's Christmas Assembly

Thursday 12th December: General Election (School may be closed)

Friday 13th December: 9:00 Reception's Christmas Assembly

3:15 Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair

Monday 16th December: Christmas Pantomime – Mother Goose - for all children

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Lunch day

Party afternoon for all children (Y5&6 disco cancelled due to General Election to be rescheduled)

Friday 20 December: 9:00 Year 4-6 Christmas Carol Service-Venue to be confirmed

3:15 School closes for the Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January Spring Term commences for all children

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Arnold
Headteacher

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Please return to your child's classteacher.

I will be attending the maths open morning on Thursday 21st November 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Child's name Class

Name of Parent / Carer attending

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...

