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Dear Parents and Carers

The second half of this Autumn Term is already flying by and it's hard to believe that we are now on the run up to Christmas.

### **Harvest**

I would like to thank you for the generous donations you sent in for our Harvest Festival. Reverend Marion came into school last week and led an assembly of thanks. All donations have been taken to the food bank at St Nicholas Church, where they will be distributed to needy families in our community.

### **Parent Survey**

A very disappointing 46 responses have come in for the parent survey so far; less than 20% of the school community. The survey will be open until Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>, so please spare a few minutes to complete it, as your feedback is important to us and your comments will help us to make the school even better. All responses will be entered into a prize draw, to win a £20 shopping voucher, if you leave your name at the end of the survey.  
<https://forms.office.com/r/P9rResMhA1>

Please also remember there is a suggestion box in the school reception area, so any ideas for school improvement will be greatly received.

### **Diary Dates**

I know you have already received the diary dates for this year, and Miss Maynard is updating the FaceBook group regularly, but please remember to check your emails regularly and, if you are a social media user, join the Official FaceBook group. All letters are also uploaded to the school website <https://www.canveyislandinfantschool.co.uk/letters-to-parents/> so please also check there regularly.

Coming up in the next few weeks we have:

- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.50am**  
School Councillors will lay a poppy wreath in remembrance of those fallen during conflict, at a special service at Knightswick Centre.
- **14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
**National Road Safety Week (Brakes, the Road Safety Charity).**  
Road safety workshop for class 6 is on the 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Class 5 have already had their road safety workshop.  
The School Crossing Patrol Co-ordinator, along with our 'lollipop lady' Liz, will be joining us for a special assembly about road safety on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

- **Children in Need day**

We will fill the school with spots to raise lots of money for needy children across the country.

- **14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November Maths Week**

The children will be working on a variety of activities to enhance their learning in mathematics. As a home learning activity, we have asked that the children design and make a money box or a number character at home and bring it in to school. Some entries have already been submitted and they are great!

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm** Maths workshop for parents and carers. Miss Maynard will give you first-hand experience of how mathematics is taught in Early Years and Key Stage 1.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.15am** Parents and carers of **Reception** children are invited in to class to work with their children on mathematics activities.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.30pm** Parents and carers of **Year 1 and Year 2** children are invited in to class to work with their children on mathematics activities.

- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**INSET day** – school and Nursery closed for children

- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

- **Winter Fayre**

See PTFA letter

### **Coats and hats**

There are still children coming into school without a coat. The playground can be mighty chilly at times so please remember to send your child into school with a warm coat. It is fine to send in hats, scarves, gloves etc but **please write your child's name on everything.**

### **Classroom Market day**

The children had a wonderful time making and selling their wares at our Classroom Market. Each class will be able to use the proceeds to buy something to enhance their learning. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Class 1	£66.60
Class 2	£83.81
Class 3	£53.50
Class 4	£85.01
Class 5	£70
Class 6	£77.50

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## Communication

It has come to my attention that some parents have been contacting school staff via FaceBook messenger. I must remind you that should you require any information about your child's progress, or wish to pass on any school related messages, you must do so via the School Office. Similarly, it is not appropriate to approach a member of staff regarding any school matters when they are not at work. Thank you.

## And finally, ...

Don't forget to keep your appointment with your child's class teacher this week. Positive Parent Partnerships are very important to us.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sandra Dorrington  
Headteacher

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