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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of the first half of the Autumn Term; the children are more than ready for a break, and so are the staff!

As I write this letter, the children are coming into school with their Halloween costumes ready for this afternoon's disco. To say they are excited is an understatement! Huge thanks to the PTA for organising this event and massive thanks to Mr Maynard (Miss Maynard's dad) for providing the entertainment. I can't wait!

Thank you so much for your generous donations of Harvest food. The whole school, including Pebbles Nursery children, came into assembly and gave thanks for the food we are fortunate to have and recognised the work of farmers and food producers. All donations were gratefully received by the Food Bank at St Nicholas Church.

As you may already know, this year's Winter Fayre is on Friday 26th of November and will be organised by our PTA. There will be a variety of stalls for the children to enjoy and there will be the opportunity for them to visit Father Christmas in his grotto. Each class will be given a set time during the day where they will be able to take part in the games and activities. This event is for the children only and is a great opportunity for them to learn how to pay for things, work out change and to budget. More information will follow after half term.

It has come to my attention that some children are playing playground games based on the Korean Netflix programme called Squid Game. According to online information, this programme is violent, graphic and not suitable for children under 15 years of age. However, the programme could be attractive to children as it features playground and nursery games that are familiar to children. I have become aware that some children have seen or know about this series, possibly via You Tube or TikTok, and I urge you to monitor what your children have access to online.

I must apologise for any confusion regarding Maths Week that was mentioned on a previous newsletter. Due to a clash of diary dates, Maths Week will now be held during the week commencing 8th November. More information will follow after half term.

Also, Children in Need day is on Friday 19th November and not 12th November as previously stated.

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Parent consultation meetings will be on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November; appointments can be made on our online booking system – more information will follow after half term.

A book fair will be in school from Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th November. A wonderful selection of books will be available and the school receives commission for every book sold.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey. We received 92 responses which is just under 50%. As promised, a prize draw was held and the lucky winners are Mrs Van Nierkerk, Mr Fullbrook and Ms Cannon; please come into the School Office to collect your prize. All comments have been noted and I will provide feedback later in the term.

Although cases of COVID are increasing in Essex, I would like to reassure you that Essex County Council is constantly reviewing the situation and issues guidance to schools regularly. At the moment, we are operating as a whole school and, for us, it is business as usual. All events that have been planned will go ahead unless I receive information from ECC that restrictions must be reinstated.

Current guidance states that if a child is in close contact with a positive case, they should take a PCR test. However, unless they are displaying symptoms, they are expected to come to school.

Enhanced cleaning and sanitising remains in place to help reduce the risk of the spread of the virus.

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I wish you all a happy half term break. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on 31st October and I look forward to seeing you all on 1st November.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Dorrington
Headteacher

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