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Newsletter 14th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for your support last week when we had our SIAMS inspection – we hope to receive our report in the next 2 weeks and I will share it with you as soon as we do. The inspector said that he enjoyed his day at our school – the children were their usual wonderful selves and the sun shone for us ©

Thank you to all of you who returned the parent questionnaires – it's so useful to receive your feedback. I will be working through the responses throughout this week. It's definitely not too late to return your questionnaire if you haven't already done so.

Congratulations to Pip, our school cook – she achieved a 5 star rating on a recent food hygiene inspection! We already know that the children would award her 5 stars for the quality and tastiness of the school dinners she cooks - well done Pip!

It was such a shame that we were unable to do our Children in Need ramble last Friday afternoon – a walk in the fresh air was exactly what we all needed after such a busy week. However, the rain really meant business and, together with the very wet ground, I had to make the decision to cancel at the last minute. Maybe we can schedule something for the spring term instead.

James, one of our Year 5 pupils, would like to organise a cake sale for this Friday after school, with all proceeds going to Children in Need. I will then add the donations from the ramble to whatever is raised at the cake sale. If you are able donate cakes for the sale on Friday, please can you bring them into school on Friday morning and we will set up the sale after school. Please ensure there are no nuts in any of the cakes. Also, please label any that are gluten free and/or suitable for vegans – thank you. A cake sale to end the week sounds lovely – good idea James ©

Key Dates for Term 2:

- Forest School sessions start week beginning 13^h November (4 weeks)
- Children in Need Cake Sale Friday 17th November (after school)
- Flu Vaccinations Friday 8th December, all year groups (Important information sent via ParentMail)
- PTA Disco Friday 1st December at the Village Hall
- Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church 2nd to 10th December
- 'Elfridges' Monday 11th December
- Nativity Tuesday 12th December @ 2:00pm
- Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch Wednesday 13th December
- Last day of term Friday 15th December

I do hope we have some dry days and sunshine this week...

Kind regards

Delía Cooper