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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to say that our small team in the Cross Country performed exceptionally on Wednesday. Taylor came first in the year 5 girls' race with Ivy coming 28th: Rogan was 6th in the Year 4 boys' race. Very well done to all our runners.

Year 6 took the first of our Open the Book Assemblies. They did a sterling job. Well done. Each year group will take part in one of these throughout the year. The children take 2 lunchtimes to prepare for these and then run them on a Thursday. Parents of the children taking part are invited to the assembly.

Parents Evening takes place on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure you have booked a slot following the instructions sent on ClassDojo. All parents are to come into school through the doors from the front playground and wait in the library for your allocated slot. Please keep to your allotted time to allow for the smooth running of the evening.

The Year 5/6 football tournament is taking place at Brockington College on 4th October 3:45pm. Mrs Andrews has kindly offered to manage the team. Due to the time you are welcome to collect the players early from school to allow time for parking at Brockington.

Our Harvest Service is taking place in Church next Friday (6th October) at 2pm. All parents and friends are welcome to join us for any of our church services. They are church services and not performances but each class will be taking part in the service as will the choir. If you can come along to the service you are welcome to collect your child early **from school** afterwards should we finish early. I look forward to seeing you all there. If you wish to send any donations of tinned or packaged food to be donated to a food bank we will welcome donations.

The school census takes place on Thursday next week. Data is collected on this day – much of which drives the funding the school receives. All children in Class 1 and Class 2 will be booked a lunch unless you write to let us know otherwise. (If you wish they may still bring a packed lunch.)

As you know we have a Pets As Therapy Dog visit class 1 each week. This specific dog and owner are risk assessed and have the relevant public liability insurance. Other dogs are not allowed on the school premises during the school day because they do not have the relevant paperwork. This is in line with schools throughout the county.

Reminder about menu changes:

Next week (week 1) Monday – Pizza, Tuesday – Jacket potato with beans and cheese, Wednesday – Roast chicken,

Thursday – Pizza or sausage, Friday – Fish fingers.

Due to a majority of the children not particularly enjoying the bolognaise served at lunchtime on Thursdays (week 1), we have agreed with the kitchen to change to jacket potato, beans and cheese on Thursday (week 1) Week 2 will remain the same.

Usual Menu: Week 1

Mon - Pizza

Tues - Fish Fingers

Weds - Roast Chicken

Thurs - Jacket Potato

Fri - Sausages

Usual Menu Week 2

Mon - Pizza

Tues - Jacket Potato

Weds - Roast Pork

Thurs - Chicken Pie

Fri - Battered Fish

PTA Notices

The PTA will be running a cake sale after the harvest service in school. Please bring some money along to purchase cakes. Further details will be sent by the PTA.

Church and Chapel Notices

All Saints Church would like to invite you to a Macmillan coffee afternoon in church on Friday 29th September from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Come and enjoy a drink and a delicious cake! There will be activities provided for children.

The church and chapel are running a joint harvest service on 1st October in church at 11 am, with lunch afterwards at the village hall. All are welcome to join the service and free lunch afterwards.

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Yours sincerely

Gavin Beetham

Provisional Dates

19/09/23- PTFA AGM 5:30pm
22/09/23 – Individual and family photos
3/10/23 – Parents evening (Yrs 1,3,4,5,6)
5/10/23 – Parents evening (Yrs 2,3,4,5,6)
6/10/23 – Harvest Service (PM)
9/10/23 – Class 1 and 2 -Zoo
23-27/10/23 – Class 4 -Min-Y-Don Residential
November – Enterprise Month (Class 4)
2/11/23-Open Eve for prospective parents

22/12/23 – Carol Service 13-16/05/24- KS2 SATS 14/06/24 – Whole School Trips 25&26/06/24- KS2 Production 2/07/24- Sports Afternoon 8/07/23 – Leavers' Tea 9/07/23 – Leavers' Assembly

15/12/23 – KS2 –Pantomime

20/12/23 - Christmas Lunch

19/12/23 - KS1 -Party

12&13/12/23 - Nativity Play

Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn

Start 29th August 2023 Half term 14th-22nd October Last day 22nd December

Spring

Start 8th January 2024 Half Term – 17th -25th February Last Day 22nd March

Summer

Start 8th April 2024 Half Term 25th May – 2nd June Last Day 9th July 2024

Note there is also a Bank Holiday on 6th May when school will be closed.

Please note when booking holidays for next year the last day is Tuesday 9th July 2004.