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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all. I hope your children managed to have a good break over the half term holiday and are refreshed and ready to embrace the new term ahead.



Value of the term: Hope

The new value for this term is Hope. The children will begin by thinking what hopes they have for themselves and their classes and considering hopes for the wider world. Please see our school website (under resources) for a home values task sheet for exciting ways to help you explore the value at home.

Class 5's Bake Sale



Well done to Class 5 who spent the last day of term weighing, measuring and baking cakes for a sale after school. They did really well and raised £52 which will go towards Operation Christmas child and help us send the Christmas gift boxes off to those who need them.

A huge thank you to all who have contributed towards the boxes, it is massively appreciated. Today we sent off 31 boxes which will give 31 children some hope on Christmas morning. Thank you.

Parents Evenings

As you know, these will be taking place on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November. Please if you haven't already done so, sign up for your appointment time.

Spelling

As mentioned previously, we will be sending home more individualised spellings for your children. These spellings will be worked on at school as well as sent home and are available for you if you would like to support at home. Class 1 & 2 will be coming home with spellings today. Classes 3-6 have been assessed in class and will start on a target level programme, a system I have used before with great results. The list that is sent home on Monday focusses on a rule which will be specific to that target. Each rule has a list of words for your child to work through. They can do this in small blocks if it helps. There will not be a weekly test of words learnt by memory, but the children need to learn the rule and the words within this.

Children can look, cover, check the words (there is a sheet on our website for this), and challenge themselves to write the words in sentences. If you feel your child is ready for a test and knows their rule, make a note in their reading diary and they will be booked in for a test. Children will be tested every few weeks anyway as they will be learning from the same rule in class, but as some rules are quite lengthy they might take longer than a week. Once



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they have passed their target, they will progress to the next level and this will come home. There are 23 levels in total which stretch well beyond year 6. have ordered some special shiny spelling stickers as rewards.

Nativity

Our infant children have started preparing for the Nativity. Please see times of this below for your diaries.

Dates for your diary

To remind you of dates and new dates have been added:

11 th Nov	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
13 th Nov	Parents' Evening times 3.40-6pm
11 th Nov	Class 4 Assembly for parents and carers(9.15am start)
13 th Nov	WWI workshops for Years 3-6 in school time (children only)
14 th Nov	Children in Need and type onesie day (see letter from School council). £1 donation to wear 'onesie' or pjs, crazy hair for extra 50p. 20p to purchase jumble sale item.
25 th Nov	Class 3 Assembly for parents and carers(9.15am start) Book Fair 1-4pm Parents are invited to come and buy books on display in the hall.
28 th Nov	Heroes and Heroines (9.00 start) parents and carers (Class and lunchtime merits)
7 th Dec	Christingle Service at Holy Cross 4pm children and parents very welcome. Mrs Saville will be attending the service.
9 th Dec	KSI Nativity 1.30-2.30pm for parents and carers
10 th Dec	KSI Nativity 1.30-2.30pm for parents and carers
11 th Dec	Christmas lunch (Cygnet orders to office) KSI Nativity Evening performance 6.00-7.00 for parents and carers
18 th Dec	AK's Got Talent (children and staff) max 2 minute performance for our talent show
19 th Dec	Heroes and Heroines (9.00 start) parents and carers (including Head teacher Merits) 1.30pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church- parents and carers invited to walk with us to church and join us for the service or to meet us there. End of Term 2

I really do value your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville



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