

## **Parent email update 4: Autumn 2 10th November 23**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that everyone enjoyed a well-deserved Half Term – although it feels rather a long time ago!!! Our second October ‘Let’s Celebrate’! (sent via ParentPay) shared wonderful images of the Pumpkin Competition and World Mental Health Day – please ensure that you have read and enjoyed this edition.

### **To celebrate...**

#### **Harvest Celebration on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2.15pm**

Thank you to those parents who joined us to celebrate Harvest – we were overwhelmed with the support and are currently revising our thoughts on venue to accommodate more parents in the future!

A huge thank you to our children who spoke and sang so beautifully. Mrs Berry, Music Specialist, chose wonderful songs both at whole school and choir level and we would like to praise those children that were selected for solos and individual readings.

#### **Parent Appointments w/b Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Thank you to those parents who have attended appointments this week – we hope you have found them useful and informative. Please speak to the Office if you still need to book a time.

#### **Year 5 & 6 Class trips to Cineworld on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 5 & 6 enjoyed a trip to watch ‘Epic Tales’ on Wednesday – many enjoyed the animated tale and Year 5 commented that it was a great link to their History Unit!

#### **Netball Tournament at Westfield Secondary school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Our Year 6 players enjoyed 4 matches on Thursday evening – they demonstrated good positional play, winning 3 matches and losing 1. Overall, they came 2<sup>nd</sup> which was a great result. A special mention to the defence teamwork between Oscar & Dylan and a shooting debut from Thea. A huge thank you to parents who transported and supported!

### **To update...**

#### **Gallery Monitor Reading Project**

Our Gallery Monitors are currently working with Mrs Hingley on a creative design project - Please check your homes for any old/damaged books that are no longer required (thick novels please). **Please return to school - a box is in the Gallery for drop off!**

#### **Christmas Fair with Infant School on Friday December 1st**

We have been approached by the Infant school PTA to run a joint Fair this year on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December; this will be held after school in the Church & Blake Hall. They have asked for a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November in lieu of Tombola and Draw items – please send in food / drink / toiletries or gifts / toys or games (all new /unopened). Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Shoebox Appeal**

For any families who are currently collating items, our deadline is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Hot Meals**

Figs have asked for us to confirm that their Gluten Free option is only for children registered with an allergen; this is due to extra costing to provide this option. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Vacancies**

We currently have the position of Clerk to Governors and Learning Support Assistant on our school website and Dillington Advertising website.

### **Dates in the diary**

<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parish Map Stitch-a-thon (10am – 12 Noon/ David Hall)
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Service at St Peter & St Paul's 11am
<b>W/b Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Anti-Bullying Week (Children may wear Odd Socks Day on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> !)
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Deadline for Shoebox collection
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Children in Need (children may wear non-uniform in lieu of a voluntary donation to the charity)
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	Year 3 & 4 trip to Cineworld
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Non-Uniform Day – please bring items for Draw/Tombola
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas Fair with SPIS
<b>W/b Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 5 & 6 Performance (Tues 5th Matinée / Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> evening)
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Lunch (Option within ParentPay)
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christingle Service at St Peter & St Paul's (time tbc but afternoon) Break up for Christmas Holidays