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Parents Evenings:

If you haven't signed up for parent's evening sessions, please find the (slightly soggy) clipboards by the front of the school to allocate yourself with a timeslot.

Facebook:

Thank you everyone responded to the questionnaire in last week's newsletter. It will be 'live' until Monday. So far there is lots of feedback welcoming more of a presence on facebook. We are hoping to post our first posts (with children) on Monday 25th November – when we have a Sikh Gentleman visiting the school working with every class doing either a turban tying workshop or showing the children the '5 Ks' and the significance to those of the Sikh faith. We will never be including any children's names and initially only part of the Byfield School Parents private group. On the permission slip which went out at the start of the year, there was an opt-in box for facebook and twitter posts – only children with this box selected will be included – however if you want to change your choice at any time to give or remove permission, please speak to the office.

School Meals:

After receiving the notice that Limes Farm will stop school meals at Christmas, we have had visits from 2 firms this week, who are both keen to provide food for the school and will be speaking with us further next week in the details. We will let everyone know more details in the coming weeks.

Road Safety:

One of the most memorable days of my own time at school, was when I was in year 4, and we received the news that a car had collided with one of our classmates. He was permanently disabled, with severe brain damage. It was very hard to see one of our friends, and the school goalie, left unable to walk, talk or care for himself and to know about the struggle his family went through. Like Byfield, my village had a busy road running through the middle, but the accident happened in one of the other 'quieter' roads which were poorly lit. On Sunday next week, sunset will be before 4 o'clock, and with the winter weather, it makes road conditions especially bad. Next week we are doing an assembly about road safety, where we talk about the dangers of all roads, crossing the road safely and wearing bright clothes so child are more easily seen. Please can you support this message at home. www.roadsafetyheroes.co.uk and www.think.gov.uk have some resources which you may or may not find helpful.

PTA

Sunday 24th November Christmas Market in the **Village Hall**. An ideal way to start your Christmas shopping. There will be lots of unusual and handmade gifts, as well as our popular tombola, children's games and cafe. Children will be singing at 1.30pm. (Please could children arrive by 1.15pm in a Christmas jumper or looking festive!).

Please bring sweetie jars and tombola donations to the school office by Wednesday 20th November. Fill up jam jars with sweets, hair bobbles, pencils whatever you think would make a great prize!! Cake donations are needed for the cafe, please get baking and bring your cakes to the village hall anytime after 11am on Sunday or to school on Friday.

Help wanted for manning the stalls at the Christmas Market on Sunday 24th November. Also help at the Lost Chords Christmas Concert on Saturday 21st December at 7.30pm. We need help behind the bar, selling raffle tickets and selling bacon butties in the interval. If you can help see any committee member, or Miss Rawden in the School office or let us know at byfieldpta@gmail.com

Thursday 28th November is a Non uniform day.

Please bring in something to put in our Christmas Hampers, it could be napkins, chutney, chocolates or anything festive and foodie!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS!

School Council have met a few times this term and have been discussing the following items:

UGANDA PROJECT - the school council is in discussion with classes and teachers about what our next fundraising event might be. We are hoping to do something in the New Year.

STRIKE DAY - we are currently asking Mr Hibbert and the Governors about the possibility of doing another strike on November 29th (Global Strike Day).

READING AWARDS - school council have organised for all children to make their own bookmarks so that stickers for every 5 reads can be stuck on them - this was in response to pupil voice where some children were saying they didn't like to get stickers on their clothes.

After School Clubs

Monday	Construction and Board Game club (3:15-4:30)	First Hour - £3 Then £3.80 per hour after that up to 5.30pm
Tuesday	Netball (3:15-4:15) Please note pick up time for end of netball is 4.15pm	
Wednesday	Computer Club (3:15-4:30)	
Thursday	Mrs Turner will be helping to run the Eco-Club .	
Friday	15 th November – Up 22 nd November – The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe 29 th November – My Neighbour Tortoro 6 th December – Cars 13 th December – The Grinch or ChristmasCarol 20 th December – The Polar Express	£4 including snack and popcorn

Flu Vaccination – please return to office asap

Thank you to everyone who has returned the consent forms for the flu vaccination. You only need to complete and return the form if you are consenting to the vaccination. However, if you do not wish your child to have it, please could you drop me an email so I know not to chase you for the form. Any child who has not returned the form will not be able to have the vaccination at school on December 9th.

SHOUT OUT from the ECO-CLUB!

We are getting ready to think about Christmas (in a more environmentally-friendly way!). We need the following items:

- patterned shirts/blouses/ teatowels (to be turned into wax food wraps)
- buttons (to make decorations)
- Christmas cards (to be cut up for decorations)
- CDs (old - to be used to make decorations)
- flower seeds (to make seeded paper/cards/gift tags)

If you can donate any of these items, please drop them into your child's class. **THANK YOU!**

School Meals

Please remember to order meals by midnight on Tuesdays for the following week. If anyone would like to order meals for next week please let the office know.

Dates for the Diary

String music lessons – every Wednesday, Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday, Keyboard/flute lessons – every Thursday

Byfield School Dance Club – Wednesday after school

PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day.

*PE Days are:- Penguins – Tuesday Owls – Monday Kiwi – Monday and Thursday
Celebration Assemblies – Friday*

Tuesday 19th November – School and Nursery Open Day

Sunday 24th November – Christmas Market run by PTA – 1-4pm Village Hall

Monday 25th November – Sikh Education Service visitor for all classes

Monday 25th November – Parents Evening (3.30pm-6.50pm)

Tuesday 26th November – Parents Evening (3.30pm-5.20pm)

Thursday 28th November – Non Uniform Day for PTA Xmas Hamper donations

Friday 29th November (PM) – Environment Strike Date – Children council have requested a strike around the village. (If you are interested in also striking please speak to the office.)

Friday 29th November – British Legion Quiz Night 6.30pm

Saturday 7th December – PTA Christmas Party

Monday 9th December – Flu vaccinations (YearR-Y6)

Wednesday 18th December – Dress Rehearsal Nativity

Thursday 19th December – Nativity performances 1.30pm and 5.30pm

Friday 20th December – Christmas Party Day

Monday 27th January 2020 – Young Voices – Resorts World Arena Birmingham

15th November 2019.

Reception children took full advantage of the flooded field and wellies in Forest School this afternoon.

