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Head Teacher

Building work

It has been an exciting term for the children. Two weeks ago we had many mixed feelings about watching the old hall get knocked down, broken down into rubble and taken away in 16 lorries. It was great children got the chance to watch this demolition stage, and I know they will be excited to see the new hall begin to be built over the next half term. They were all involved with starting to choose colours for walls, floors, etc today which has helped build anticipation and excitement. The expected completion date is the end of January.

During half term, 2 metre deep trenches will be dug, ready for pouring the concrete foundations. We have spent lots of time speaking with children and conducting lessons about safety around building sites. They have learnt about some of the specific dangers in building sites and the only way to ensure you stay safe is keep away (they have all been very good and we have had no incidents of children going where they shouldn't, it is other members of the community who have been entering the site without permission.) During half term, these safety rules are the same, and everyone needs to be aware that there are still dangers, and not to be tempted to break into the site.

Learning in Class

Children have really enjoyed their topics this half term. Reception children have had a really successful first half term - it has been wonderful to see them settle in and become part of the school family. They especially enjoyed the end of their unit today, making and decorating Ginger-Bread Men. I know they are going to be inspired when learning about their topic next half term - animals that live in hot and cold places.

I have been really impressed with the writing in Year 1&2 around their Toys Topic and the book Traction Man, the progress has been very pleasing, thank you to Miss Brand who has covered the class for the past 3 weeks and ensured standards remain high. After the half term holidays, they will be learning about the Polar Regions, the geography and climate, how animals survive and how people can survive there.

Kiwi and Owl Class had their 1915 school day today, where they made cakes, did knitting, wrote letters to family members in the trenches, and learnt how life was in Byfield during World War 1. They were fascinated by the headteachers diaries, (and punishment records.) They will continue learning about World War 1 for 2 weeks after the half-term break, leading up to the centenary of Armistice day. This will be followed by topics called 'Extreme Survival' (Geography - extreme climates and habitats) for Kiwi class - and 'Wild Waters' (rivers and seas) for owl class.

I hope you all have a great half term, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 29th October.

PTA

Bags to School will be coming home this week. Please could you put any clothing, shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels in the bags and return to school on Tuesday 13th November by 900am. We have spare bags at school if you wish to give them to friends and neighbours.



After School Clubs

Monday night Construction Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Tuesday night – Art and Crafts (KS1 focus) – cost £2

Wednesday night – Computer Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3

Children are welcome to stay at After School Club until 5.30pm. Charge for this is £3.80.

Please contact the office if you would like more information or to book.

Breakfast Club – every day from 8am – cost is £3 per session.

Dates for the Diary

String music lessons – every Wednesday

Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday

Keyboard lessons – every Thursday

PE – Every Thursday (Robins) Every Tuesday and Wednesday (Swallows) Every Monday and Friday (Kiwis)

Every Monday and Friday (Owls)

Celebration Assemblies Monday – Kiwi, Tuesday – Owls, Thursday – Swallows, Friday – Robins

Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am

Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school

Monday 29th October – school opens 8.45am (8.00am for Breakfast Club)

Monday 26th November – Flu immunisation Years 1-5