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I hope everyone had a great half term, and enjoyed all the festivities of Halloween and Bonfire Night. The Halloween Disco at the end of last term was a huge success - thank you to the PTA who organised this and all the parents who stayed to help either run the disco or just be with their own children - I am delighted that we have the culture where parents feel welcome and are happy to do this.

This term the classes are beginning new units, and letters will be sent from teachers showing exactly what each class are covering.

Owl Class unit is about 'Hidden Figures' learning about the roles several famous people have played in significant events, such as Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson.

Kiwi Class topic is around 'Local, British and World Transport and Trade' looking at how transport links enable trade across the whole world.

Penguin Class topic is called 'Get Out Of My Swamp!' where they are learning about several of Grimm's Fairy Tales and preparing for a Banquet.

Robins and Nursery's learning unit is Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales.

Facebook:

This half term we are setting up a Facebook page for the school. The PTA has set up a group for carers/parents and the school to serve as community page - this is a closed private group, only available to those affiliated with the school. The school would like to add to this page and it's own page, as a means of sharing all the fantastic things which are happening within school. I would like to emphasise that we will not be putting children's names attached to any image, and will not be doing so without correct permissions - which you have the right to remove at any time. However, I do want to give you chance to let us know what kind of things you would like to be included and your views. If you have the electronic version of the newsletter a link to this survey is here: <https://forms.gle/U1Cc4hd8LBkwKMmB9>

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 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!

Review of events -

Bags2School raised £56.40.

Non Uniform Day 25th October raised £48.65

Halloween Disco – raised £187.49

Messy Church

Messy Church Friday 15th November 3.30-5.30pm in the Village Hall. Our theme is Journeys. There are lots fun craft activities and games, a short talk and songs and food for all. Great fun for all the family. Suitable for preschoolers up to Year 6.

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 Christmas Carol 20 th December – The Polar Express	£4 including snack and popcorn

Flu Vaccination

Letters/consent forms will be coming home today for the above 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. Thanks

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 12th November – School and Nursery Open Day

Tuesday 19th November – School and Nursery Open Day

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

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

Friday 29th November – British Legion Quiz Night 6.30pm

Saturday 7th December – PTA Christmas Party

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

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