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**Dear Parent/Carers 13th November 2017**

**Aviva – Community Fund Voting**

As mentioned on our Face Book page and at family worship one of our Friends, Lisa Baker, has secured a community fund application, If successful, we will be awarded £8000 towards swimming costs, which I am sure you agree will be an excellent financial support for the current KS2 children and even future academic year cohort. The voting closes in 8 days, so please either follow the link or search for our school on the Aviva Community Fund website. It would be great to receive lots of votes through your support and sharing with friends and family,

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3450>

**Remembrance**

Thank you to all of you who supported the Royal British Legion over the past week, whether it be buying a poppy or RBL product in the shops, observing the processions taking place around the county, joining the community at Holy Trinity or just participating in the 11th hour silence - it was all greatly appreciated.

**Children in Need – Friday 17th November**

We will be taking part in our annual celebration of Children in Need on Friday 17th November. The school council have lots of ‘spotacular’ events planned, the children are invited to pay £1 to wear their pyjamas to school and partake in a variety of activities. For a further 50p they can purchase their spotty decorated biscuit.

In conclusion, 🗸pyjamas 🗸£1.50 🗸fun starts in family worship.



**Our Social Media presence**

Throughout the term we have been building up our social media presence, our Facebook page has been a great way to remind you of events and celebrate successes. We also have a Friends Facebook Page now too, where currently all their exciting events are listed, starting first with the Festive Film Club on Tuesday 28th November – the children can vote for their preferred film, choice.

**Flu Immunisation Programme - Monday 11th December**

Just to make you aware, there will be letters coming out the week beginning 4th December with regards to flu immunisations available for children in Reception – Year 4. All information you need in order to make an informed decision will be in the letter from the NHS set out later in the term, if your child has already had their flu vaccine obviously they do not need it again.

**Wellies**

To enable full access of our Forest School, each child should have a pair of named wellies in school at all times – please leave them in a bag to be hung up with your child’s coat in the cloakroom, thank you.

**Spare clothes**

Our Early Years Unit is desperately short of spare clothes aged 4-5 for any of our younger children who may need to be changed in an emergency. If you have any spares (ie socks, knickers, underpants, etc) they would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

Also if your child does come home in a change of clothing, please wash and return the items, thank you.

**NO Jewellery**

**We cannot allow any earrings or jewellery in school for PE or in the Early Years Unit.** Your child’s earrings need to be removed or taped up. Please ensure this happens or your child may miss out on valuable activities across the day. This is for health and safety reasons.

# Attendance

Please remember your child’s attendance in school is extremely important. Awards will continue to be given to each class with the best attendance.

Can we remind parents about a section of the Education Act 1996:

“Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school” **NO HOLIDAYS will be authorised in term time.**

We have a new Education Welfare Officer working with us this year who will be monitoring attendance very closely, especially the late marks so please ensure your child/ren are on the school yard for the bell at 8.50am **every morning**. We have children coming in late in the mornings via the main entrance already this term. This is a disruption to the start of your child’s day and can have an impact on his/her learning. Lessons start promptly following registration so it is important that your child is in the classroom ready to learn!

If you are running late for any reason, please ring to let us know, thank you.

**Last week’s attendance:**

**Well done Willow Class who won with 98.9%**

Acorn – 90.9% Oak – 93.5% Elm – 97.9%

Beech – 84.4% Chestnut – 97.3% Willow – 98.9%

TOTAL FOR THE LAST WEEK – 94.3% ☹

Well below our school target of 96%

PLEASE TRY to get your child to school on time every day

and help us achieve our target EVERY week, thank you.

***Beech***

Merit – Jaya, James N

Sparkle – Lucy

Writing – John

***Chestnut***

Merit – Whole class for good behaviour and good questioning

this week

Sparkle – Alana

Writing – Conall

***Willow***

Merit – Kenzie, Myamii

Sparkle – Ella

Writing – Leigh

***Acorns***

Merit – Jayce, Harry

Sparkle – Georgie

Writing - Matilda

***Oak***

Merit –Izzie, Olivia

Sparkle – Thomas

Writing – Ruby

***Elm***

Merit – Porscha, Alfie

Sparkle – Amelia

Writing – Ayden

Stars of the week



# Dates for diaries

* Monday 13th November – deadline for Shoeboxes to be in school
* Friday 17th November – Children in Need
* Monday 20th November – Messy Church – 3.15pm – 4.15pm in the hall
* Monday 27th November – deadline for Scholastic Book Club orders in time for Christmas
* Friday 1st December – Non uniform for chocolate donations towards Christmas Fair
* Tuesday, 5th December – Friend’s Bingo – doors open at 6.15pm, eyes down at 7pm

ALL ADULTS WELCOME – THE MORE THE MERRIER!!

* Friday 8th December – Friends Christmas Fair 3.15pm in the hall
* Monday 11th December – 1pm Flu Immunisations available for all children in Reception to Year 4 (more information about this will be sent home w/c 4th Dec so look out for this)
* Tuesday 12th December (new date) – School Christingle at 2pm, everyone welcome
* Friday 15th December – Christmas Carolling Catastrophe – Pantomime in school in the afternoon paid for by the Friends of Grange View (sorry we can’t invite parents ☹)
* Tuesday 19th December – School Christmas performances (10am Early Years, 2pm KS1, 6pm KS2)
* Wednesday 20th December - Walking Nativity around the village @ 4pm
* Friday 22nd December – **School closes at 1.30pm for Christmas Holidays!!**
* Monday 8th January 2018 – TTD, school closed to the children
* Tuesday 9th January – school re-opens for the Spring Term at 8.50am!!

**Easy Fund Raising** [www.easyfundraising.org.uk.](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) Please register and keep Shopping online on this website for school funds. Every penny you spend helps school.

**Kind Regards**

Lauren Chapman

Mrs L Chapman

Acting Assistant Head Teacher