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**Dear Parent/Carers 9th October 2017**

**Message from Governors**  
Congratulations to Mrs Chapman who we are pleased to say has been

appointed to the role of Acting Assistant Headteacher.

This is to cover Mrs Herron's position in school.  
We know she will do a great job and we wish to thank her and all the staff

for their hard work and commitment to the school this half term.

**Parents Evening**

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October teachers will be available to meet with parents in ten minute appointments to discuss how well your child has settled in and you are able to discuss their progress. Please see your child’s class teacher who has a copy of their available appointment times to book a time convenient for you.

**National ‘Bring your Teddy to School Day – themed writing**

On Wednesday 11th October, the whole school will be immersed in lots of creative and enjoyable writing opportunities as we celebrate National ‘Bring your Teddy to School’ Day as a theme for our writing. It will hopefully be an enjoyable and motivating experience for all children young and older. We will be sharing pictures of the day on our website and examples of their super work on a slideshow during our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon.

**ADVANCE NOTE ABOUT THE LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday 20th October.**

***It is a busy final day with lots of things to remember:***

1. The friends have organised a non uniform day in return for bottle donations in preparation for our Christmas Fair
2. **Our eagerly awaited MacMillan Coffee afternoon is taking place at 2pm in the hall. Please get baking or buying any sweet treats that you think would help raise money for such a worthy cause. Let’s hope we do as well as last year! Please let your family and friends know about this event, thank you.**

We will have our hall all set up from 2pm to welcome families in to buy a slice (or many) of cake and enjoy a cuppa. If it is anything like previous years it should be a great event and splendid end to the term.

**\*\*\*\*As a result of this added event, Karate will not be on in the hall on the last day of term\*\*\*\***

**Uniform**

Please ensure all uniform including wellies/shoes/PE kits are labelled with your child’s name.

School cannot be responsible for unnamed items, sorry.

All pupils must wear full uniform and black school shoes please

**PE Kit**

This should be in school at all times, and only taken home at the end of a half term for washing and should be sent back in again at the start of every half term, thank you. This will allow your child to partake fully in all PE lessons.

**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.

# School Lunches

**Year 3 and Year 4 having school lunches will still need to pay on a Monday morning please.**

**\*\*\*THIS MUST COME IN AN ENVELOPE/PURSE WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME CLEARLY MARKED AND WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE TEACHER TO BE PASSED ON TO THE OFFICE\*\*\***

**\*\*\*PLEASE AVOID PAYING AT THE OFFICE TO ALLIVIATE CONGESTION ON A MONDAY MORNING, THANK YOU\*\*\***

Thank you for your co-operation and support with this.

**Online Portal Opening September 2017 - Middle, High and Secondary**

The Online Portal for Admissions to Middle, High and Secondary Schools is open for children transferring from First to Middle (current Year 4) and **closes on 31st October**.

Information and online admission form is available on the County Council School Admissions page.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A PLACE AT MIDDLE SCHOOL GRANGE VIEW SCHOOL CANNOT DO THIS ON YOUR BEHALF!**

If you are having problems and need help, please get in touch, otherwise if you miss the deadline, a Middle School place cannot be guaranteed for your child in the next academic year.

**School Menus**

Some of our parents of Reception children have been asking what their child has been having for lunch. This is the menu for this week:

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| Week 3 | | | | |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Pizza | Savoury mince and dumplings | Beef | Chicken fillet | Breaded fish or salmon portion |
| Jacket potato wedges | Creamed potatoes  Crusty bread | Roast potatoes | Creamed potatoes or parsley potatoes | Chips or pasta |
| Seasonal vegetables | Seasonal vegetables | Seasonal vegetables | Seasonal vegetables | Seasonal vegetables |
| Seasonal salad | Seasonal salad | Seasonal salad | Seasonal salad | Seasonal salad |
| Syrup / jam/ ginger sponge with custard | Fruit whip | Homemade biscuit with a glass of juice | Tutti frutti cake with a glass of milk | Fruit cheesecake or fruit salad or lemon meringue pie |

# 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 Oak Class who won with 98.3%**

Acorn – 89.9% Oak – 98.3% Elm – 85.8%

Beech – 96.2% Chestnut – 92.2% Willow – 90%

TOTAL FOR THE LAST WEEK – 92.3% ☹

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.

Stars of the week

***Nursery***

Sparkle – Georgie

***Reception***

Sparkle – Annaliese

***Year 1***

Sparkle – Leah

***Year 2***

Sparkle – James N

***Year 3***

Sparkle – James B

***Year 4***

Sparkle – Reagan



**Library Summer Reading Challenge**

The following enthusiastic readers each received an extra prize bag of goodies from the Librarian –

Nursery - Georgie

Reception - Mason

Year 1 - Ayden

Year 2 - Brooke

Year 3 - Jessica

Year 4 – Ethan

Congratulations to all our children who took part ☺

# Dates for diaries

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th Oct – Parents meetings

*PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER*

Wednesday, 11th Oct – National “Bring Your Teddy To School Day” – linked in to themed writing

Monday, 16th Oct – Messy Church – 3.15pm-4.15pm

Tuesday, 17th Oct – Friends Bingo – doors open at 6.15pm, eyes down at 7pm ALL ADULTS WELCOME

Friday, 20th Oct – Non uniform for bottle donations towards Christmas Fair

Friday, 20th Oct – MacMillan Coffee Afternoon at 2pm in the hall

Friday, 20th Oct - Half term - School closes as normal at 3.15pm (NO KARATE THIS WEEK)

**Monday, 30th October – TEACHER TRAINING DAY (school closed to pupil)**

**Tuesday, 31st October – School resumes at 8.50am (breakfast club open as usual)**

**Operation Christmas Child**

Leaflets were sent home last week for this annual project so please look out for this in your child’s bag. We would like your secured shoebox back in school by Monday, 13th November,

thank you.

**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