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**Key dates**

- Monday 4th—Children back in school
- Monday 4th and Thursday 7th—Parents evening
- Friday 8th—Year 3 Stone Age Experience Day
- Monday 11th—Remembrance Day
- Monday 11th—Friday 15th—Anti-Bullying week
- Monday 11th—Sean Perkins Author visit for Reception & KS1
- Monday 11th—Year 5—Mini Police begins
- Monday 11th—Year 5 Peace Football competition
- Tuesday 12th Year 5/6 Girls football County finals
- Wednesday 15th —Year 5 Road to Engineering event
- Friday 15th—Children in Need—non-uniform day
- Monday 18th—Small Year 6 group Engineering Day with BAE
- Friday 29th—Andy’s Man Club demonstration session

Welcome back and I hope you have had a wonderful half term. Our school value for this half term is kindness, or as our children have titled it: ‘Show you care’,

**Readiness for school**

Please can you make sure that uniform is in line with school policy. Please see the details on the uniform in a separate message on ClassDojo.

**Walking home**

As we are moving into the darker nights, please make sure your child's journey to and from school is as safe as possible.

**Water in Water bottles**

Please note that it is water only in water bottles.

**Parents evening**

A reminder that parents evenings take place this week.

**Reading**

Reading both in school and at home is incredibly important. In the words of Dr Seuss—*The more that you read, the more things you know. The more that you know, the more places you will go!* There are plans afoot to increase the profile of reading within school, as well as creating areas for children to enjoy a story. To help promote this life skill please read with your children at home as often as you can.

**Nativity and Work of the half term**

We will be holding a separate nativity event and Work of the half term assembly. Our Nativity will take place at Furness Academy on Monday 16th December at 2 p.m. and Tuesday 17th December at 10 a.m.. Our Work of the half term will take place in school on Wednesday 18th December. Again our Reception and Key Stage 1 will take place in the morning and our Key Stage 2 will take place in the afternoon. Further details to follow.

**Attendance and holidays in term time**

Over the next week letters will be sent to parents of children currently sitting at under 90% attendance. Please note that these are letters of support to help in anyway that we can in supporting getting your children to school. As stated previously schools are no longer able to grant any leave for holidays taken in term time. However, if you are planning to take your child out of school it is essential that you let us know.

**PTA**

Thank you to those who contacted the school regarding the PTA. We look forward now to working with the school community to set up future events.

**Anti-bullying week**

Next week we will be selling wristbands marking anti-bullying week in school. They will be sold at the office for £1 each.

**Children in Need**

Going forward we will be alternating our support for Children in Need and Red Nose Day. These are two incredibly important charities, but we also understand the current demands on family life. This academic year we will be supporting Children in Need. This event is on Friday 15th November. We will have a non-uniform day and are asking for a donation of £1.

**Andy’s Man Club**

Following on from our focus on Mental Health Day, one of our parents will be running a session for dads on Friday 29th November. The session will start at 4 p.m. in school. With November upon us, it is incredibly important that men have the opportunity to talk.

**Girl’s football finals**

It has been great to see our children compete in many events. A huge well done to our Girl footballers who managed to win the event at Furness Academy and will now represent our school in the County finals next week.

**Asda**

Thank you to those who have helped to raise funds for Parkside through the Asda Cashpot for Schools. We are currently on a fantastic £295 with a week remaining, This money will be used to purchase new sports kits for our children.

**Christmas**

I have had lots of question regarding Christmas. Please be assured that we have lots of plans in place. Further details to follow.

**Parking**

Please note that the staff car park is only for staff. Please do not park in there. Both the path and drive are used by children walking to and from school.



Class	Attendance
Nursery (Purple)	95%
Reception (Orange)	99%
Year 1 (Red)	95%
Year 2 (Yellow)	98%
Year 3 (Green)	98%
Year 4 (Pink)	95%
Year 5 (Blue)	97%
Year 6 (Turquoise)	95%
Whole school	96%

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