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Dear Parents & Carers

As we come to the end of a long first half term, we have had many highlights including School Council elections, Maths week and the great fire of Wheatcroft, to name a few. Congratulations go to Evie as our school council chair who will be supported by Oluwaseyi and Beth as vice chairs. Miss Clarke and the school council have discussed many ideas for supporting charities with a particular request for theme days so they will be in touch with more information soon. I wish the new council well and hope they wear their badges with pride as they spend the year representing the school.

I am sorry I wasn't able to be available for parent consultations this term. I hope that you managed to spend time visiting Mrs Waller and the Governors in the hall and were able to take some useful resources away with you.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to support us during Maths week, particularly to those brave enough to talk with the children about maths in your everyday jobs. I know that the children found your presentations interesting and I am sure they asked you many questions. Can I remind you to spend the half term collecting the money for the Mathalon and return it in the first week after half term.

Our football and netball teams have had a positive start to the new year taking part in their first friendlies against local schools. Mr Wilkie is continuing to work hard to ensure our children have opportunities to participate in a range of sports activities and events including change for life club and a number of events alongside the sports partnership. Please contact him if you are able to support us, particularly if you are able to drive the minibus.

If you hold a current DBS and have any time available, UKS2 are seeking parent helpers to support with reading in years 5&6. Please speak with Miss Dienel if you can help.

After half term we will be looking for someone to join our MSA team. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please write to me sharing your interest with an explanation of why you would like to join the team.

"Outdoor Classroom Day" is during half term on 1st November so please use this as a great reason to take your children out and about. We will not be able to celebrate this as a school as it falls during half term, however there is a further day in May 2019 so we will send details nearer the time.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th November.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs D Miller

Headteacher



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School Reminders & Information

Cycle training Years 5&6 5th-9th November. Please take extra care moving around the car park and playground during drop off and collection

PTFA Christmas Art Project - deadline Monday 5th November

Child's Photo Orders – These can be done on line or deadline for returning to school is Monday 5th November

Poppies will be on sale from Monday 5th November - Y6 will be visiting classes during the course of the day. If your child would like to purchase a poppy we ask for a donation of at least 20p. Please ensure this is in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher.

Rotary Boxes have now been issued from Reception to Y6 with youngest child only. Please return to class week commencing 5th November

Live Kitchen – the new menu has now been distributed and will be available on the website. Orders from the new menu can be made with effect from 26th October. Please ensure there is credit on your account or that you have signed a direct debit for payment as invoices for dinners are no longer produced.

Year 6 walking home – If your child is in year 6 and attends any clubs next term, they are no longer allowed to walk home alone due to the darker evenings. Please ensure you have communicated with the adult running the club who will be collecting your child.

School Uniform - Now the weather is turning colder can I remind you to ensure your child is appropriately dressed in warm uniform with an appropriate waterproof coat, hoodies are not part of the school uniform. Can you also please ensure that your child's PE kit has a tracksuit for outdoors and includes a pair of socks to change into, girls should not be wearing tights in these lessons.

Parking – Can we please remind you that the car park is for staff only. Please also remember the safety of our children by not parking on the yellow lines outside our school gates. If your child attends The Croft please ensure you use the parking spaces on drop off and collection.

Pavement Repair – We continue our efforts with trying to ensure this is repaired as soon as possible. Please continue to be patient and keep yourselves and our children safe when entering and exiting the site.

Lost Property - We appear to have many items of clothing continuing to fill up our lost property boxes. Please ensure all items belonging to your child are named so that we can try to get them back to their rightful owners.