

Dear Parents,

21<sup>st</sup> October

### **Christmas Shoeboxes**

Our collection date is 11<sup>th</sup> November; please refer to the leaflet, which gives clear guidance about suitable gifts. Each box needs a label on the front (included in the leaflet) about the age and gender of the recipient and a donation of £2.50 to cover transportation costs.

### **Cover Supervisors**

We are very blessed with a wonderful staff team. We value our teachers and teaching highly and they work closely together to ensure effective teaching and learning. All staff attend training during the year for their own professional development. During the absence of a teacher we are using our teaching assistants as cover supervisors to deliver lessons or activities. These are planned by the class teacher and help to maintain a good learning environment. TA's, in this role, provide continuity of learning, are familiar with the school's policies and practices and have an understanding of the needs of particular children. We are looking for individuals with NVQ training to support the Cover Supervisors on these occasions. Please let us know if you can help.

### **Parent Teacher Consultations**

We hope that these meetings will provide you with appropriate information; please let us know if we can help in any other way. We are very keen to have strong home-school links.

### **Parent Support Groups**

Mrs Xandra Cotton will be continuing these groups this term.. I am currently reading an interesting book entitled 'Talking so kids will listen and listening so kids will talk' . We are happy to make short-term loans of similar materials. Parents who have already attended one of our parent support groups have found them very helpful. Please speak to Xandra or complete the slip on her recent letter if you are interested.

### **Parenting Week**

We hope you enjoy the class assemblies this week; it is lovely to see so many parents at assembly. You are very welcome to any of our normal whole school assemblies on Wednesdays (led by Reverend Marl), Thursday or Friday.

### **Start of the School Day**

Thank you to the majority of parents who arrive by 8.45, it makes a huge difference to the start of the day when the children arrive on time.

### **Concert**

Our first musical min-concert will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9 a.m. Mrs Fiona Riley will inform the children who are taking part. The concert should last for about 15-20 minutes.

### **Wildlife Club**

Our next session will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November; these sessions will take place on the first Wednesday of each month.

### **Half term**

Just in case your children haven't reminded you, half term starts on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October. We return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Have a great week.

Yours sincerely,  
Susan Marsh

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