

Welcome back after the half-term vacation. We hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed the unseasonable weather.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We hope that the many parents/carers who attended the recent consultation sessions found them to be valuable in understanding how their children are progressing in school. If for some reason you were unable to attend one of the sessions, please do contact your child's class teacher to arrange a time to meet.



Congratulations to Phoenix!

Phoenix House has won the House Point Trophy for October. Well done Phoenix! The Inter-house football tournament will be taking place over the next few weeks and we look forward to another exciting competition.

Operation Christmas Child

You may remember that last year the children donated 144 boxes of toys and other goodies to children in Eastern Europe. In a recent assembly we were privileged to see a video of the children receiving their gifts – a truly moving experience.

We hope that many of our families will be able to contribute a box this year. If you have not received details of how to make up a box, a leaflet is available at the school office.

The Incredible Years Parenting Group

Last academic year, the school ran its first Incredible Year Parenting Group which proved to be a great success with the parents/carers who attended. Being a parent is probably the most challenging 'job' in the world – this group cannot provide all the answers, but it has been proven in this and many other schools to greatly assist parents in their role as carers of children. If you would like to join the group or find out more about it, please see Jackie Pointer or Carl Saunders.



Children in Need

A number of children have asked if the school is going to do anything for Children in Need. It has been decided to hold a non-uniform day on Friday 16th November. The children will be encouraged to wear clothing other than uniform on that day – fancy dress is welcome. For the 'privilege' of not wearing school uniform, the children will be asked to pay 50p for Children in Need.



Sporting Successes

Both the school's football and netball teams have had recent successes. The football team beat Southwell Primary 5-0 in the 7-a-side Cup and the netball team have had a number of successes in the local netball league winning their last match 17-0! Congratulations to both teams.

Parent/Carer Forum

Over the last two years, I have asked parents/carers to volunteer to be part of a forum which meets twice a year to discuss school-related issues. The meeting of the forum has been very useful to the school in planning for improvement.

The accompanying letter explains more about the Parent/Carer Forum. If you would like to join the group, please return the reply slip to school by Friday 16th November.

School Nurse Drop-in Session

If you have any health or development concerns about your child, why not come and see Julie Heath, our school nurse, at her next drop-in session on Thursday 15th November. The session lasts from 8.30 to 9.00 – no appointment necessary.

Tesco Sports Vouchers

Thank you to everyone for their donations of Tesco Sports vouchers. We would welcome many more! There is a collection box in the school foyer.



'Hot Meals' Survey

Many thanks to the over 100 parents/carers who responded to the questionnaire on the possible provision of hot meals at lunchtime. There was a very positive response to the proposal and the return will provide the Governing Body with useful information to assist in planning for this provision.

The Poppy Appeal

During this week poppies will be on sale in school. Those children wishing to buy a poppy will be asked to make a donation of at least 20p.

Forthcoming Events

The Friends are organising the Christmas Bingo for the evening of Wednesday 12th December.

The Christmas Raffle Tickets will be winging their way to you in early December. A special 'Gigantic Elephant' raffle will be held in school for the children to participate in.

The year's Carol Service will be held at All Saints Church on Tuesday 18th December starting at 7.00pm. In December, you will also receive an invitation to attend your child's Christingle Service in school. We look forward to seeing many of you at these special events.