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Dear Parents

With this newsletter you should receive a copy of the contact information we hold for you. Please check the details for accuracy and return the form to school as soon as possible with any necessary amendments - especially to mobile phone numbers to enable us to use our text information system. Please be aware that our texting system alerts the primary contact only, if someone else is responsible for your child when a message is sent, please make sure that the text message is passed on.

We would like to send as much information as possible via email, so would be grateful if you could let us know that you are happy to receive information using this method - if you are, please make sure we have your email address. All information will be treated in confidence.

The next few weeks are quite busy starting this week with the **photographer** coming tomorrow on **Tues 22nd** to take our individual children and sibling photographs. These make delightful reminders but please be assured that there is absolutely no pressure to buy any of the photos.

My Headteacher '**Drop in Surgery**' is this **Wed 23rd** between **5.30-7pm**. These sessions are meant as an opportunity for anyone to raise any concerns, ask advice and/or find out more about what is happening in school. Whilst an appointment is not necessary, it is helpful if you can let the office know you are coming. Dates for the rest of this term are detailed overleaf.

Our **Y5/6 football team** are taking part in a tournament at the Madjeski Dome this **Fri 25th** as well as a league match on **Fri 2nd Oct** after school at **Highwood**. Our **Y5/6 Tag Rugby team** will be competing the following week after school on **Wed 30th** at Reading Rugby Club. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing both teams lots of luck!

According to the long range forecast the weather will stay fine (fingers crossed) for our **Upper Juniors** as they go on a historical walk around Reading on **Mon 28th** - please make sure packed lunch orders are received as soon as possible. With regard to school dinners - a plea from the kitchen team, could dinners be paid for weekly in advance on Mondays wherever possible, even if your child is only having one hot dinner on Fridays.

We very much hope you will be able to join us for our KS1 (Foundation and Infant) **Harvest Minister's Assembly** on **Wed 30th at 9am** and then stay on for our Macmillan coffee morning with a café au lait or Kaffee mit Kuchen (now that we are learning German.) Donations of cakes for the Macmillan coffee morning would be gratefully received, as would offers of help to make the coffee. Please let the office know if you can help. For our Harvest this year we will be supporting the Woodley Food Bank. Donations of tea, coffee (instant), sugar, cereals, jams, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruits, tinned vegetables, tinned soups, rice, biscuits, and chocolate would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be brought in from **Mon 28th** for EYFS & KS1 children. We would also be delighted if you could join us for our **Junior Harvest Service** which will take place at **St John's Church** on **Fri 2nd Oct** from **9am** (ish). Junior children should arrive at St John's church between **8.40 - 8.50am** with their Harvest donations. If your child has a packed lunch you may prefer to drop that off at school first. If your child has a school dinner please order and pay for that beforehand - ideally at the beginning of the week. Please drop infant siblings at school first. If you would find it difficult to deliver your child to St John's Church please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible. We will be walking the children back to school following the service - any offers of help would be greatly appreciated.

Another fast approaching 'event' where we hope you will be able to join us, as well as put forward your ideas to make our fundraising even more successful, is the **PTA AGM at 8pm on Thurs 1st Oct in Maple** - I hope to see you there.

Family Fridays for **KS1** will start on **Fri 2nd Oct** and for **KS2** the **following week** - contrary to rumours that have circulated in the past (started we believe by some of our junior children) Family Fridays **do** continue in the juniors.

And Finally ... we are introducing a bell at 8.40am as the signal that children should come into school; by the time the second bell rings at 8.50am children should be in the classroom ready for registration. We are hoping that this will improve punctuality so your help with this would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

DIARY REMINDERS - LOOK OUT FOR NEW DATES MARKED *

Clubs - See Separate Clubs letter for more details

- Mon** - Gymnastics Yr 1-6, Painting Club Yr 1-2, Choir Yr 3-6, Singing and Expressive Movement Yr F-2, Football Yr 3-6, Scrapbooking Yr 3-6, Film Club Yr 4-6
- Tues** - Dance Yr 4,5,6, Art Club Yr 5,6, Cookery Yr 1-6
- Weds** - Dance Yr F,1,2,3, Patchwork Club Yr 5-6, Maths In Motion Yr 5-6, Judo
- Thurs** - Drama Yrs 1-6, Karate, Card Making Club Yr 1-2, Football Yrs F-2, Junior Homework Club
- Fri** - Netball Yr 3-6, Lego Club Yr 1-2

September

- **Tues 22nd** - Individual and family photographs
- **Wed 23rd** - 5.30 - 7.00 pm - HT Drop In Surgery
- **Fri 25th** - 7 a side football tournament Madjeski Year 5/6
- **Mon 28th** - Yr 5/6 historical walk around Reading - letter has gone home.
- **Tues 29th** - 9.30am - EYFS Parent Information meeting for Phonics and Maths - details to follow
- **Wed 30th** - 9am - KS1 Harvest and McMillian Coffee Morning
- **Wed 30th** - 4-5.30 Year 5/6 Tag Rugby - Reading Rugby Club (tbc)

October

- **Thurs 1st** - 8 pm - PTA AGM - all welcome in Maple Classroom
- **Fri 2nd** - KS2 Harvest Festival St Johns Church 9am
- - Y5/6 Football @ Highwood details to follow **
- **Mon 5th** - Instalment due for Year 6 Little Canada Trip
- **Wed 7th** - 4-5.30 Year 3/4 Tag Rugby - Reading Rugby Club (tbc)
- **Thurs 15th** - LJ Trip to Living Rain Forest - letter has gone home
- **Wed 21st** - 6.00 - 7.30 pm - HT Drop In Surgery **
- **Mon 26th - Fri 30th** - HALF TERM

November

- **Fri 6th** - Instalment due for Year 6 Little Canada Trip
- **Tues 10th & Thurs 12th** Parent Consultations **
- **Mon 16th** 5.30 - 7pm HT Drop In Surgery **
- **Tues 24th** - Aspen/Silver Birch trip to Reading Museum - letter has gone home
- **Thurs 26th** - Sycamore trip to Reading Museum - letter has gone home

December

- **Mon 7th** - Instalment for Year 6 Little Canada Trip
- **Wed 9th** - 9am - EYFS / KS1 Christingle Service and Coffee Morning
- **Fri 11th** - 1.30-3pm - Christmas Choir rehearsal at Loddon Valley - details to follow
- **Sun 13th** - Carol Concert at Loddon Valley - details to follow
- **Tues 15th** - 2pm - Junior Carol Service at St Johns Church
- **Wed 16th** - School Christmas Dinner
- **Thurs 17th** - Whole school pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' **
- **Fri 18th** - TERM ENDS - 2.30pm