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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and managed to enjoy the good weather we unusually had for the October half term!! This half term has already started whizzing by and before we know it, Christmas will be upon us!

I look forward to catching up with lots of you at Parents evenings and Parents Forums over the following weeks, and of course out on the playground if it is not too cold and wet!!

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson

Parents Evening

Parent's evenings will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday from 4.00-7.30pm. Appointment lists are up in all of the classroom doors so you can book up your time. The children's work will be out for you to have a look at in the hall and it is advisable that you arrive with plenty of time before your appointment to have a look at this. For those parents with more than one child in the school, you will need to leave yourself enough time between appointments so that you have time to get from one to another. This will avoid you missing your appointment. Each appointment is 10 minutes long and you will be escorted to the classroom from the hall by the year 6 prefects.

Parents Forum

Last term I held parents meetings to give you the opportunity to hear what plans the school had for the future with regard to class structure. I would like to run similar meetings in the week beginning Monday 20th November to share with you the School Development Plans and to hear your views.

School Photographs

Tempest Photographers will be in school from 8.30a.m on Thursday 8th November to take family portraits. If you would like your children to be photographed with siblings who are not at the school (or with yourselves!!), please come to the school hall at 8.30am. Children will have their photos taken individually and with siblings in other classes during the school day and the photographs will be ready for you to give as that special Christmas present!

FOSS

Unfortunately, at the FOSS AGM we did not have enough support to form a new committee for this year. This means that at present, we have not got a group of people dedicated to raising the additional funds that enhance our school so greatly. A separate FOSS letter will follow this newsletter, proposing a new structure for FOSS but for this to work, we still need to have a group of people

prepared to form an executive committee. My proposal is one representative from each class. Please watch out for the letter and respond accordingly.

Jeans for Genes

Thank you for supporting our fund raising for Jeans for Genes day. We raised a brilliant £168.10 which will support the work of this charity.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are now on sale in the school and will be taken round to each class by year 6 prefects. We ask that the children bring a contribution for their poppies that will be given to the Royal British Legion to support servicemen, servicewomen and their families. We have already had a collective worship about what the poppies signify and we hope the children will be very respectful of what these mean especially at this time when local service personnel from 40 Commando are currently in Afganistan on active service. We send our thoughts and support to all those currently serving overseas and to their families and friends.

Kate Taylor

Some of you will have read in the parish newsletter that Kate Taylor is no longer the reader at St Johns Church and have been concerned that she will also no longer be continuing with her role in school. Mrs Taylor will continue to lead weekly collective worship and do voluntary work for the school as well as remaining an Associate Governor for Staplegrove. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of the work she does for the school.

Teri Underwood

Mrs Underwood has been working at Staplegrove in Beech and Oak classes for this term and worked with Miss Potter's class last year for a day a week. She makes a tremendous contribution to the school through her teaching and all of the work she has done planning our new SEAL and PSHE curriculum. Unfortunately, Teri is unable to continue with this teaching commitment for personal reasons and Mrs Donna Huddy will become our support teacher in Beech and Oak from January 2008. Teri will be very much missed at Staplegrove and we hope she will continue to return to cover some supply days for us

Donna has worked in several local schools and has been working as a supply teacher in our school this term. She has demonstrated excellent teaching abilities and will be a real asset to our staff.

Christmas Workshop

Mrs Taylor and myself will be running a special Christmas Advent workshop on Saturday 8th December between 2-5pm. This will be a fun afternoon for the children and might give you the opportunity for some un-interrupted shopping! More information will follow in a letter nearer the time

Staff Car Park

As I am sure you are aware, our car park is packed at the best of times; often staff will park and block each other in, knowing that we are able to quickly find that person if we need to get out. Several parents have started to park in the car park now and this has caused several problems both before and after school. When the car park is even fuller than it should be, it becomes dangerous to get out as visibility and mobility is reduced. We have always said that parents must not park on site and it is important for safety reasons that this is adhered to.

Children in Need

Beth Littlejohns, Chloe Peters and Dulcia Sweet, 3 of our year 5 children would like to raise some money for Children in Need which takes place on Friday 16th November. They have proposed a non-uniform day on this day and would also like to run a cake stall at playtime. Please you can support them by sending in cakes that can be sold, they would be very grateful. It is brilliant that the girls have used their own initiative to support this fantastic charity.

Theatre Trips

Forthcoming in November and December are trips to the Brewhouse Theatre for Cherry and Oak classes on Tuesday 20 November to watch "Danny the Champion of the World" and for Cedar and Willow classes on Tuesday 11 December to watch "The Christmas Carol". This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to see a top class drama production in the Theatre.

Christmas Performance

Please note the change in date. There will be an outside Christmas Performance on the evening of Tuesday 11 December involving all classes at approximately 5.30pm, with the exception of Elm Class who will perform their own Nativity on Wednesday 12 December and Thursday 13 December during the school day. If the weather is not kind to us on Tuesday 11 December the reserve night is Wednesday 12 December. More details will follow, but I hope this gives enough notice of the events.

Bonfire Night

We hope you all have a happy and safe Bonfire Night, we would encourage families to attend an organised event such as Staplegrove Scouts fireworks display that will take place on Saturday 3 November in Rectory Road from 5.30pm. More information is displayed around the village.

Christmas Card Competition – Somerset County Gazette

Last year Harry Bond won this competition, which was a fantastic achievement. It was lovely to see one of our children's work do so well. Entry forms for this years competition are available in the Gazette, please encourage your children to take part, we would love to win again !