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Diary Dates

November

6.11.26 – YR Phonics and Reading Presentation on the school website
10.11.26 – YR Q&A on TEAMS
11.11.26 – Flu immunisations
13.11.26 – Children in Need – Bring your teddy to school
16.11.26 – 20.11.26 – Friendship Week
23.11.26 - 9:15 – Open Morning for new YR 2027
27.11.26 – FOOBS Christmas Market – Information to follow

December

11.12.26 – UNICEF Day for Change
14.12.26 – 2pm YR Nativity
15.12.26 – 9:30am – YR Nativity
17.12.26 – Christmas Jumper Day
18.12.26 – INSET DAY

End of Autumn Term

January

4.1.27 – Start of term

February

9.2.27 – Parents evening
11.2.27-Parents evening
12.2.27 – Dare to be Different Day – details to follow

Half Term 15.2.27-19.2.27

Key future Dates

Easter Fair – March 20th 2027 at the Infant School
Summer Fair - July 4th 2027 at St Mary's Junior School

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term; this half of term is always an exciting one as we count down to Christmas. Please make sure that your child has a coat in school each day and that any hats, scarves and gloves are named as they quickly start to fill up the lost property boxes! Parking in the Mead is becoming a problem for our neighbours again, so I am making my usual plea to you to respect the parking restrictions along this road and ask you not to park here unless you have a clearly displayed Blue Badge.

Thank you from Mr Bowman

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your generous gifts and lovely messages; I really appreciate the kind words.
It has been an absolute pleasure to have been involved with the school and to see the children grow up over the years. I wish them all good luck and happiness in their futures.
From Mr Bowman

Discussion point

This week what will your friends and family come up with for this question?

*Would you rather **explore space** or **explore the deepest parts of the ocean**?*

After each answer, encourage deeper thinking by asking:

- What makes you choose that option?
- What might be a downside of your choice?
- Would everyone in the family agree with you? Why or why not?
- Could your answer change as you get older?
- Which choice would have the biggest impact on other people?

Flu Immunisations

If you have not already done so, please complete the Flu Vaccination Form below to decline, or give, consent:
https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=SH116039

Children in Need

As previously mentioned in a separate communication, we will be having a 'Bring your teddy to school Day' on November 13th. This will not be a non-uniform day so please send your child to school in their usual uniform for that day. If you would like to donate, please click on this link.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/oldbasing2

F.O.O.B.S

We hope Year 3 have a fantastic time at their disco tonight. Our next Happy School Bags collection will take place on Thursday 19th November. If you've had a clear-out over half term and have any unwanted clothes, shoes or accessories to donate, please keep hold of them until then. A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated towards our Christmas Markets, your generosity is very much appreciated. Every contribution helps us make the event a success and if you have forgotten to bring them in this week, we will be collecting again from the schools on Monday so please still bring them. Keep your eyes peeled - our Letters to Santa kits and the Tinsel Tokens for the Christmas Markets will be available very soon.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really does make a difference to our school community.

Bonfire and Firework Night

I am sure that many of you will be planning to either take your children to an organised display or may be having a few fireworks of your own this weekend. Below is some information on keeping safe. The Newsround link contains a few videos that you might like to share with your children.

Bonfire Night: Top tips for staying safe - BBC Newsround

Have a lovely weekend,

Sonia Denning