



Wow, what an eventful week, the first week back was! It was lovely to see the children showcasing their efforts, read on to find out more.

You may have been easily mistaken in thinking you had been transported back to Ancient Egypt last Tuesday! The Y5s were having their Ancient Egyptian hook day and they looked amazing, as did the staff. I found myself wanting to bow on a number of occasions! Thank you to all the Y5 parents who supported this venture and a massive well done to everyone in Y5.

I was invited to see the Y6 Mayan projects that the children had been working on as part of their homework over half term. There were stunning creations on a range of topics, but what impressed me equally, was the children's knowledge and understanding of the Mayan topic they had researched - the shared learning between home and school was immense. Thank you to all Y6 parents, we do appreciate the time and effort this takes.

Open Evening for Y2 Parents is TONIGHT 6pm-7.30pm – We are holding our annual open evening for children and parents in Y2 tonight. Thank you in advance if you have allowed your child to come back to school and support us with this - I am very grateful. Our children are the best ambassadors of our school.

Book Fair in school from TODAY – We will be holding our annual book fair in school from **Monday 6 November to Friday 10 November**. The fair will be open before and after school on the following days: Monday 6th November 3.30-4.00pm in Mr Roberts Classroom, Tuesday 7th November 8.30-8.50am in the School Hall and 3.30-4.00pm in the Mr Roberts classroom, Wednesday 9th Nov 8.30-8.50am in the school hall and 3.30-4.00pm in Mr Roberts Classroom, Thursday 10th November 8.30-8.50am in the school hall and 3.30-4.30pm in Mr Roberts Classroom and Friday 11th November 8.30-8.50am in the School Hall and 3.30-4.00pm in Mr Roberts classroom. Please do come and have a browse and buy a book as a percentage of the proceeds go to school to help replenish our book stock.

School Council Elections – Our Y3/Y4/Y5 children have all voted this afternoon in our School Council Elections. A big thank you to Mrs Genders who has organised, and co-ordinated the elections today and congratulations to the following children: **Y3 – Phoebe B and Theo C, Y4 – Jessica S and Willow P, Y5 – Maxim J and Bethany L**

After School Clubs – all clubs that are run by teachers and are outdoor based (football – boys and girls, netball and running club) have now finished until the spring term due to the dark nights and inclement weather. Chess Club and Arts and Crafts club are running for existing children. There are still places on Dance with Michelle (Mondays 3.30pm-4.30pm), Street Dance with Dancedaze (Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm), Table Tennis (Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm) and RuggerEds (Friday 3.30-4.30pm). Payment and Registration details can be found on your Clubs email in the Communication area of your ParentPay account.

Remembrance Displays – A big thank you to all the children who gave photographs and documents from relatives serving in world wars. There are two displays in school – one in the main hall and one in lower school, just though the hall, near the kitchen. If you do get a minute, please come and have a look at them. A big thank to Mrs Lunn, our History coordinator, who organised and inspired the displays. I think you will agree that they are a fitting tribute. We are very grateful for Mrs Lunn's enthusiasm for history which definitely rubs off on the children.

Children in Need - On **Friday 17 November**, we will once again be supporting Children in Need. The Charity Group has decided they would like children to come to school wearing something spotty. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We will collect £1 donations for this non-uniform day, with all proceeds going to Children in Need and their worthy projects.

Poppies – Poppies and other related merchandise are on sale at a maximum cost of £2.50. We ask that children make a minimum donation of 50p for a poppy please.

Cadbury World / Harry Potter Museum residential – A reminder that Year 6 pupils going on this residential on Thursday need to be in school at 7.50am as the coach leaves promptly at 8.00am. **Please ensure the completed consent form is returned to school by Tuesday 7 November otherwise your child will not be able to travel.** If you need a medical indemnity form for medication, please collect one from the office.

Current Y4 Trip to Mount Cook 12-14 September 2018 – an email regarding this trip for our current Year 4's was emailed before half term (a copy of which can be found in the communication area of your ParentPay account). If your child wishes to participate in this two night residential trip, **the deposit of £25 must be paid (through ParentPay) by Thursday 16 November.** We cannot guarantee a place on the trip for deposits paid after this date. Further details of the cost and payment schedule is contained in the original letter.

Friendship Week 13th – 17th November – The theme this year is '**All Different, All Equal**'. The school will be focusing work on diversity as well as looking at 'friendships' and how to resolve conflicts in friendship during that week.

Well done to Maxim J who came 4th place in the U11 600m South Yorkshire Indoor Track and Field League Competition at the weekend. He has worked very hard and achieved a new personal best of 2.05.

Parking – As the winter months come upon us, I trust that you be mindful of where you park and consider all our residents living on surrounding roads. This is one opportunity for us, as a school, to show our respect to the local community.

Lost Property – There are a large number of sandwich boxes and drinks bottles in lost property. If you are missing either of these, please check that it is not in lost property in the Den. If you are not able to get into school, please ask your child to look at lunch time.

Dronfield Arts Festival –The Dronfield Heritage Trust are hosting the first Dronfield Arts Festival from 4-8 May 2018. They are looking for performing Arts professionals and organisations to submit their best and boldest ideas to take part in the festival. For more information please visit <http://www.dronfieldartsfestival.co.uk/perform/>

Dates for your Diary

2017

6 November – Open evening for Y2 parents 6-7.30pm
9 November – Y6 'Buckinghamshire' residential departs
10 November - Y6 'Buckinghamshire' residential returns
12 December - Bags2School Collection
19 December – School closes for Christmas holiday

2018

2 January – INSET day
3 January – INSET day

4 January – School starts
6 February – Safer Internet Day
16 February – School closes for half term
26 February – School re-opens
1 March – World Book Day
w/c 19 March – **Parent Consultation week (please note change of week)**
19 March – Bags2School Collection
23 March – School closes for Easter Holidays
9 April – School re-opens
w/c 14 May – SATs Week
23 May – Provisional sports days at English Institute of Sport (EIS) to be confirmed in December 2017
25 May – School closes for half term
4 June – INSET day
5 June – School re-opens
3 July – Y2 Parents' Meeting
10 July – Bags2School Collection
20 July – School closes for summer holiday

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