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Dear Parents,

Half term is almost upon us and it feels as if the last few weeks have flown by. It only seems such a short time ago that we were welcoming everyone to their new classes. The children are well and truly settled into their routines now and lots of good learning is going on. I hope that you all found Parent/Teacher consultations to be beneficial and that you enjoyed looking at the children's work.

### **Eco Committee**

We now have a fully elected Eco Committee with representatives from each class. This has been the first time that we have held elections with a voting system in school so it has been an interesting learning process for all. The children elected are very proud to be able to represent their classes with the first meeting being held after the half term break.

### **ShelterBox**

Thank you for all your donations for ShelterBox. The final donation count was £700 which will pay for one box and several tool packs. When the Speaker from the charity came to assembly he told the children that when there was the earthquake in Haiti in 2010 ShelterBox sent 28,000 boxes to help the people who had been made homeless. As there has recently been another disaster in the country with extensive flooding he told the children that they would again be sending a similar number of boxes over the next few weeks, so the children have been able to see that the donations have been put to good use immediately.

### **Dinner Menus**

New menus for dinners are being sent home today. The new menu starts after half term with week one.

### **Photographs**

Individual and family photo orders need to be sent into school by Friday 21st October 9am. We will be unable to accept any orders after this time.

### **School Uniform**

There have been a number of children this week who have not had the correct PE kits in school. Children should only be wearing plain white tee shirts with their shorts. I have also spoken to some children this week who have not been wearing correct shoes to school. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately.

### **Dogs**

Please remember that dogs must not be brought on to the school premises. This includes any area to the front of the school within the school boundary. Some children and adults are frightened of or do not like dogs and therefore should not have to walk past them on their way into or out of school. Mr Edwards has also recently had to clean the steps and outside the main entrance doors as a dog had fouled there.

### **Children in Need**

On Friday 18th November we will be supporting Children in Need so I am giving you advance notice that we will be having a spotty day and asking the children to wear something spotty to school.

### **Year Six Classrooms**

Alongside the playground works in the summer we had some internal works undertaken upstairs to create two year six classrooms. These classrooms are positioned on the other side of the library. If you would like to have a look at our new rooms please come and have a look during soft start on Friday morning. We are delighted at how light and airy they are.

Please remember that we finish school at the usual time on Friday 21st October for the half term break with school resuming for the children on Tuesday 1st November. I do hope that you have an enjoyable holiday and that everyone returns refreshed and looking forward to the half term ahead.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs J. Goddard*

Headteacher