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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I can hardly believe we have been back at school a full two weeks already. The children have settled in well to their new classes and are taking on new learning objectives with enthusiasm.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our 'drop-in' meet the teacher session after school today, this is a great opportunity to see your child's class environment, look through books and to chat with the teacher.

We have been busy expanding our Autumn Term diary. Key dates are listed below.

SEPTEMBER

- Meet the Teacher drop-in afternoon. Wed 21st 3.30-4.30pm
- Harvest Festival. Tue 27th (donations very gratefully received)
- Foundation Reading & Writing Evening. Wed 28th 6pm
- Y1, Y2 & Y3 Flu vaccination parent documentation to be sent out. Wed 28th

OCTOBER

- Y6 Basketball at AMVC. Tue 4th (letter to class to follow)
- Foundation Maths Evening. Wed 5th 6pm
- Y2 Harvest Crumble Party. Thur 6th
- Y3 Cake Sale. Fri 7th (class parents to run as no PTFA)
- Y6 Construction Day. Fri 8th (during the school day)
- Foundation Class Evening Telegraph photograph's. Mon 10th
- Y1, Y2 & Y3 Flu Vaccination programme (NHS parent info to follow). Tue 12th
- Hockey evet at AMVC. Tue 13th (letter to participating children to follow)
- Prospective parent tours. 2017 intake. Wed 5th, 12th & 19th 9.30-10.30am
- Image Theatre Group 'Wind in the Willows' (whole school show). Fri 14th
- Y3 Church Visit with Mrs White. Tue 18th
- Parents Evenings. Tue 18th & Wed 19th 3.457pm

NOVEMBER

- Individual and sibling photographs. Mon 7th
- Y3 Flag Fen trip. Tue 8th
- Y3 Gym & Dance Festival at AMVC. Wed 16th
- Anti-bullying week. Wc 14th
- Children in Need. Fri 18th

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DECEMBER

- Carols around the Christmas Tree. Foundation & KS1 parents/ families. Thur 1st 9.30am
KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) parents/ families. Thur 1st 3pm
- Y4 Sportshall Athletics at AMVC. Tue 6th Dec
- Christmas Lunch. Tue 13th
- Y1 & Y2 Christmas Productions. Wed 14th 2.15pm & Thur 15th 6pm
- Foundation Christmas Production. Fri 16th 2.30pm
- Y3, 4 & 5 Christmas Productions. Mon 19th 2.15pm & Tue 20th 6pm
- Christmas Church Service. Tue 20th

Emergency Contacts & Parental Permissions.

At the end of this week we will be sending home a copy of the emergency contact information we hold on record for your child/ ren. We kindly ask parents to check that the information is correct and up to date. We must have more than one emergency contact listed. It is the responsibility of the parent/ carer to make sure we hold the right information in the event of an emergency or if your child is unwell. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Autumn Term Menus.

Apologies for not being able to communicate this sooner. We have now started to serve our Autumn Term menus. Please visit our school website to view our menus.

Children in Need.

BBC Children in Need exists to change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. Their vision is that every child in the UK has a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their potential.

Since their first major Appeal in 1980 BBC Children in Need has raised over £840 million, all of which has gone to help disadvantaged children and young people around the UK. In the last year alone the support of the general public has helped change the lives of 480,000 disadvantaged children and young people. Children in Need are currently supporting around 2,400 projects that are working with children facing a range of disadvantages. These include poverty and deprivation; disabled young people and children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect.

As a school we feel we need to support this cause and invite children wear non-uniform in exchange for a monetary donation. We suggest a donation of £1 but please give what you can. Children if they wish are welcome to wear Pudsey ears/ face paint or spotty clothing to bring the event to life. Donations should be handed into the class teacher at morning register.

Harvest Festival.

The Harvest festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Harvest reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. In schools and in Churches, people bring food from home to a Harvest Festival Service. After the service, the food that has been put on display is usually made into parcels and given to people in need. Next Tuesday the 27th September we will

celebrate Harvest and kindly ask families to donate something (i.e. long life goods such as milk, cereals, tins.) all donations we will be delivered top the Peterborough Food Bank. On the morning please leave your donations in the school hall. In advance your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

Parents Evenings.

The Parent Consultation Evenings are an important opportunity for parents and carers to meet teachers to discuss pupil progress. Appointment booking letters will be sent out in advance of the dates. We will do your very best to accommodate your preferred appointment date/ time.

Flu Vaccination Programme.

In the Autumn/Winter of 2016/17 the annual nasal spray vaccine will be available to children aged two, three and four year olds plus children in school years one, two and three as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. The school nurse is currently getting information packs ready for parents regarding programme and these will be sent out to parents on Wednesday 28th September. For more information in the meantime please visit www.nhs.uk and search for 'Children's Flu Vaccine'.

PTFA.

Summer Carnival * Christmas Bazaar * Valentines Disco * Mother's & Father's Day Gift Shops * Cake Sales *

Do you and your children enjoy being able to take part in and attend the above events?

Would you be disappointed to hear that they may not happen this academic year?

Unfortunately, that is the reality if we are unable to boost our existing number of PTFA Committee members and helpers. Our very small band of dedicated committee members managed to keep these events going last year. Each of the above events is not just about what you see and enjoy on the day but takes many hours of planning and organising behind the scenes to bring them to fruition and the more people we can share that amongst the easier it will be. Committee members, officers and helpers don't have to be involved in every event. It may be that you love all things Christmas and would like to get involved in the fayre; perhaps you could commit to designing posters and signs for events; anyone with a keen eye for a bargain would be most welcome to help source stock for prizes and tombolas. These are just some examples of ways in which you might be able to help.

We are in the process of drafting action plans for all of our main events so that new members don't have to start from scratch.

This year we would like to recruit class/year group representatives for the Committee this means each class has a PTFA voice to share ideas and more importantly rally the troops.

The hard fact this year is that without more Committee members and new officers the ABOVE EVENTS SIMPLY WILL NOT HAPPEN. Not only will this be extremely disappointing for children and families but also means that a vital source of income for those special extras

provided for pupils (new ICT suite, portable cook station, PE t-shirts for new Foundation children, new Foundation equipment to name a few) will cease.

Please give some thought to how you might like to become involved. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the PTFA through: Email:

office@northborough.peterborough.sch.uk please add PTFA to the subject line to ensure it gets to the relevant person. Or by calling the school office on 01733 252204

Our aim is to have a PTFA representative from each class in place by the beginning of October. We will confirm a meeting date if we have representatives in place.

Together we can do more!

Y6 SATs Results.

We are very proud of the children who sat their SATs papers last May.

Tables below show SAT results for last academic year 2016/2017 and is a percentage of children achieving 'age related expectations' or higher					
	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPaG	Reading, Writing & Maths Combined
School result 2016	63%	82%	74%	71%	46%
National Average 2016	66%	74%	70%	72%	53%
Average of all other schools in Peterborough	53%	70%	60%	64%	42%

SPaG = Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday 13th December. This is a real highlight as we move closer to the end of term and it is a real celebration for children and staff. As this lunch day is extremely popular we will require parents/ carers to pre book. A menu and booking form will be sent out after the October Half Term.

Thank you,

Mr S Mallott & all the Staff