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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 96.66% this week. This means that we are in the **Green Zone** and we are meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

Attendance	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week commencing 5th October	91.79%	94.64%	97.78%	99.00%	98.67%	97.42%
Autumn Half Term 1	**97.19%**	**95.02%**	**95.37%**	**97.78%**	**98.54%**	**96.09%**

Connect
Mental Health Support Team

PARENT/CARER VIRTUAL MONTHLY SUPPORT SESSION
'Understand Emotional Regulation and Strategies to Support You'



Connect MHST invites Parents and Carers supporting children and young people with social, emotional, and mental health needs to a virtual support session.
The monthly session is held on Zoom on the last Wednesday of the month at 5.30pm.

October's support session topic will be 'Understand Emotional Regulation and Strategies to Support You'
on
Wednesday 21st October - 5.30pm

The virtual session is a place for parents and carers to get information and support from Connect on wellbeing topics identified by parents, share their experiences if they choose to, help and support each other and get information and advice to support them.

Please click on the link below to register your interest and to receive the Zoom invite.

Connect Virtual Support Group - October Registration

Please register in advance of the Zoom meeting time as our emails are only accessible during office hours 08.30-16.30

Operation Christmas Child
Pupils have been given leaflets for the Operation Christmas Child appeal which our school will be supporting again this year. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian international relief organisation. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These simple gifts are shipped outside the United Kingdom to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.
Please return shoeboxes to school by **Wednesday 4th November.**
More information can be found here: Operation Christmas Child | Samaritans Purse (samaritans-purse.org.uk)

We have some spare shoeboxes in school if anyone would like to take one to use for the shoebox appeal.



Cake Sale – 21st October
To raise funds for school, we are hosting a Cake Sale during morning break on **Wednesday 21st October.** Pupils will be able to bring in money for the cake sale, and we expect cakes to range from 50p to £1.50.
We kindly ask for donations of packaged cakes to help make the event a success. To ensure the safety of all pupils, please make sure that items are shop-bought or securely packaged, allergen information is clearly labelled and Best Before dates extend beyond 21st October.
Cake donations can be handed in to the school office by **Monday 19th October**.

Lost Property
We already have a number of unclaimed items in our lost property collection just a few weeks into the new school year. If your child has misplaced any belongings, please take a moment to check the lost property box located at the school office.
To help us manage the collection, any items that remain unclaimed after a reasonable period will be donated.
If you would like to donate items to our school uniform scheme, please hand these directly to the school office rather than placing them in the lost property box.

Pray & Play
Next month, we are delighted to invite Early Years parents and carers to a new family-focused session: Pray and Play. This prayerful and reflective experience will offer families the opportunity to spend quality time together through a range of interactive prayer and play stations. Children and adults will be able to explore, create, reflect and pray in a fun and meaningful way.
As part of the session, families will learn about the important work of Fairtrade farmers, discovering how our choices can make a positive difference to communities around the world. Through both prayer and play, we will celebrate the values of fairness, gratitude and care for others.



Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

Tuesday 13th October - Mr Taylor Bible Stories
Wednesday 14th October 9.00am – Reception Phonics Workshop
Thursday 15th October – Year 6 Cross Country
Wednesday 21st October – Cake Sale
Thursday 22nd October – Year 5 visit to Laing Art Gallery
Friday 23rd October – Buddies Celebration of the Word (Reception and Year 6)
Friday 23rd October – Last day of Half Term
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – School closed for Half Term Holiday
Monday 2nd November – Pupils return to school