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Dear Parents and Carers

Sports for Schools event 17 November

Letters and sponsorship forms have gone out about this exciting event which was introduced to the children last week. Please encourage the children to get sponsored! The sponsor forms should be returned to school with the money after the event next week and any cheques for sponsorship money should be made payable to Duxford CofE Community Primary School. Thank you.

Please note that as we are doing this event next Friday, we won't be having any separate event for Children in Need this year.

Art exhibition - Wednesday 15 November, 3.20-4.20 pm

The Art Club will be showing some of their work achieved so far in a special exhibition to be held in the Community Room straight after school next Wednesday 15th. Parents/carers of children attending Art Club will already have received a letter about this, but all are welcome to come and see what the Art Club children have been doing this term.

Grandparents' Day - Friday 24 November

Our annual Grandparents' Day is coming up fast - one of the highlights of the year. Following the resounding success of this event in previous years, we are organising the day into two sessions, to enable as many grandparents as possible to attend. There is a choice of 10.45-11.45 am or 1.15-2.15 pm.

Grandparents will be able to visit children in their classes, enjoy some singing and have a cup of tea or coffee. The Key Stage 2 playground will be open for parking for both sessions.

The children will be writing and sending their own invitations to grandparents next week. As in previous years if grandparents are not able to make it can they email or write a letter saying what they are doing on that day. Any photos are always welcome. All of this is shared with the class and then used as a display. We are aware that not all grandparents are still with us so if children want to bring photos in to share, that would be lovely. In past years we have found that the grandparents visiting are very sensitive and inclusive to the children who haven't got grandparents visiting.

This event is just for grandparents - I'm sorry but we are not able to accommodate any other family members, including parents and younger children. This is because it is a special day just for grandparents to celebrate their grandchildren's work and spend time in school with them.

Tempest photographs

The children have brought home the proofs of their photos taken on Thursday. Please return your order envelopes to school by Wednesday 22nd November to be sure of catching the courier collection. Orders received after that date will need to go directly to Tempest.

Flu vaccinations

Some parents have expressed concern that our children (Years R-4) will not be vaccinated until 13 December. We have contacted the vaccination team and they have offered the following reassurance:

The Flu vaccination programme runs from 1st week of October (vaccine availability dependent) to December and this is because the main problem with the influenza virus is from January onwards. The idea is to get as many people, children and adults in risk groups, vaccinated before Christmas. So they have had a chance for their body to convert the vaccine into immunity before the main flu season starts. Please pass on our assurances that being vaccinated in December is not too late.

Consent letters about the vaccinations will go out at the end of November.

Manor Adventure payments - Year 6

We are attaching again the letter that was sent out with the children in October, just in case these have gone astray. A reminder that the first stage payment is due by the end of this month. Details of how to pay are in the letter.

Children's mental health

As part of the KS2 PHSE curriculum on health, some assemblies are focusing on keeping healthy both physically and mentally. On Wednesday, the children watched an animation around feelings and how 'big' feelings can affect mental health. Strategies to deal with the 'big' feelings were shared. Should you wish to view the animation it can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCrjevx3-Js> Another website you may be interested in for hints and advice on children's mental health is the 'minded' website found at: <https://www.minded.org.uk/families/index.html#/>

Yours sincerely

Debbie Gould
Headteacher

Theft from a car outside school

We have had a report today from someone whose car was broken into and items stolen on Thursday evening. Please be vigilant and make sure you don't leave any valuables in your car when picking children up.

Lunches for week beginning 13 November 2017

	Red Option	Green Option (usually Vegetarian)	Blue Option (Light bite)
Monday	Margarita pizza	Mediterranean quiche	Coronation quorn wrap
Tuesday	Chicken korma	Five bean chilli	Baked beans and coleslaw
Wednesday	Beef bolognese	Cheesy vegetables	Tuna baguette
Thursday	Roast chicken	Veggie sausage & Yorkshire	Ham salad pitta
Friday	Fish fingers	Falafel wrap	Omelette

Diary Dates

Thursday 16 November, 9.05 am	Owls class assembly
Friday 17 November, pm	Sports for Schools event
Thursday 23 November, 9.05 am	Doves class assembly
Thursday 23 November	Yoga Day
Friday 24 November	Grandparents' Day
Friday 1 December, 4.00-6.00 pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6 December, 9.30 am	Reception/KS1 nativity performance
Thursday 7 December, 6.00 pm	Reception/KS1 nativity performance
Monday 11 December, 4.00 pm	Last Stage Dance club - show for parents
Tuesday 12 December, pm	Key Stage 2 Talent Show
Thursday 14 December, pm	Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas party
Tuesday 19 December, 2.00 pm	Carols in the hall - all welcome Autumn term closes
Wednesday 3 January 2018	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 4 January	Spring term starts
Saturday 20 January	Burns Night ceilidh
Monday 12 to Friday 16 February	Half-term
Friday 23 February	Children's disco
Thursday 29 March	Spring term closes
Monday 16 April	Professional day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17 April	Summer term starts
Monday 7 May	May day holiday
Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June	Half-term
Friday 20 July	Summer term closes for pupils
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 July	Professional days

New entries to the diary are in bold