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Key Dates for this term:

- PD Day - Friday 21st October 2022.
- 18th November - Children in Need Day (The Great SPOTacular!) Children to wear something spotty for a £1 donation per family.
- Thursday 1st December – 1:00pm – 3:30pm Christmas Market
- Tuesday 6th December – Nursery Carols Around the Tree.
- Thursday 8th December - Reception Nativity 9:30am and 1:30pm.
- Friday 9th December - Santa's visit to Bankfields.
- Monday 12th at 1:30pm and Tuesday 13th December at 9:30am - KS1 Christmas Show.
- Thursday 15th December - KS2 Christmas Show at 9:30am and 1:30pm.
- Friday 16th December - school closes for the Christmas holidays.

Termly Update

It has been a lovely start to the school year and the children have been working hard on lots of exciting curriculum areas. Even though we have only been back at school for seven weeks, many exciting school visits and events have already taken place.

- Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Eden Camp to study WWII.
- Year 1 enjoyed a Woodland Walk to Flatts Lane Country Park.
- Year 2 had a fantastic time exploring the Captain Cook Museum to support their history work.
- A large group of over 70 children took part in a Cross Country event, with several of our pupils qualifying for the final! Well done!
- He Knows, She Knows put on a performance for our KS2 children to encourage them to talk about and take care of their own mental health.
- M and M Productions put on a fantastic performance of Sleeping Beauty for our pupils.
- Our annual residential to Robinwood is taking place with an amazing 51 children attending this year.
- Year 4 visited the Hullaballoo Theatre to watch Gradad Annansi.

Christmas Events

We have lots of lovely events planned in the coming months including our Christmas Performances, a Christmas Market and a visit from Santa. Further details to follow soon.



Home Time Arrangements

Recently, we have had some older siblings, who are in secondary school, arriving to collect some of our younger children. We would like to remind you that our children in KS1 must be collected by someone over the age of 16 and will not be allowed to leave school with siblings under this age.

Also, please can we remind all parents that if someone else is going to be collecting your child/children, which is a change from the usual arrangements, then the school office must be informed.

Outdoor Equipment

Our playground equipment is a fantastic resource for our pupils, but can only be used when directly supervised by school staff. Please could you remind your children not to use the outdoor playground equipment when coming into/leaving school each day as we are concerned that this may lead to an accident.

Extra-Curricular Activities



This year, we have lots of extra-curricular activities and clubs planned including drama, football, cooking, gardening, Lego, Boxercise and recorders. As well as this, we have a number of sporting opportunities that will be available through the School Sports Partnership, and we will send information to parents about these closer to the time of the events. Maybe this year will be the year that your child tries something new or discovers a new hobby!

Special Educational Needs Coordinator

From January 2023, Mr Bennett will be stepping down as our SENDCO in order to focus on other areas of responsibility across school. Mrs Masheder, who was previously our SENDCO at Bankfields and has lots of experience in this area, will be taking on the role in the spring term until a new SENDCO is appointed.

ParentMail

Although we have sent out the key dates for this term, please continue to check your ParentMail account regularly for information regarding additional events taking place next half term, including Family Learning opportunities.

We hope that you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone when we return to school on Monday 31st October 2022.

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