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Dear Parent/Carers,

Another busy week has flown by! There is a lot of exciting learning taking place which I hope your child is sharing with you. Over the past half term, we have also been working hard on improving behaviour and making our school a happier place to be. I have been pleased to see, and also hear from other people in the school community, that the children are becoming more aware of their own behaviour and the way they respond to others.

Contact Information

It is vital for the safety of your child that we have the correct contact information for your child, in case we need to contact you in an emergency. If you have recently moved or changed phone number, please make sure that you have notified the office staff so that we can update our records.

Year 6 Secondary Admission

A reminder for those of you who have children in Year 6 that the Secondary School Application forms must be submitted by 31st October. Failure to do this may mean that your child does not get a place at their preferred school. The results of the Secondary Selection Tests have been sent home with your child today which may help to inform your choices.

Non Uniform and Sponsored Run

On Friday 19th November we will be having a non-uniform day. Children may wear their home clothes in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. In addition to this, during their first PE lesson after half term, we will be having a sponsored run where all children will be running a mile. A sponsor form will be sent out next week for the children to collect sponsors over half term. All money collected will be donated to Diabetes UK, a charity which supports people in the UK who have diabetes, including some of our past and present pupils.

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PTA

The first meeting of the PTA was held on Thursday 11th October and I would like to thank all those parents who attended for their enthusiasm and commitment to running events for the pupils and the community and also to raising funds to provide additional opportunities for our pupils.

They have a number of events planned for the next few months including: Pumpkin and Valentines discos; a Christmas Fayre; PJ and Film night; Bingo and Curry evening; the Chesham Schools Carnival; and a table top sale. If you are interested in helping to organise any of these events, please let Erica Wainwright, our PTA chairperson, or Sarah Waller, our treasurer, know. In order for the events to be a success for the children, they will need lots of help.

The first event is the Pumpkin Disco evening. There will be 2 separate discos: one for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from 4pm – 5pm and the second is for children in Years 3 -6 and will run from 5.15pm – 6.30pm. The cost per ticket will be £2.50 which will include a snack bag and drink (Halal and Non-Halal snacks will be available). Tickets will be on sale soon. Fancy dress is encouraged but not essential.

The PTA will be making decorations for the discos over 4 lunchtimes: Tuesday 16th October, Thursday 18th October, Tuesday 30th October and Wednesday 31st October. If you are able to help on any of these dates, please let the office or members of the PTA know. We will also be inviting children to participate with making the decorations if they would like to help.

The PTA also needs as many newspapers as possible to make the decorations. If you have any old newspapers, please send them into school from Monday.

Key Dates

Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th October – PTA decoration making. Please let the office staff know if you are able to help over lunchtime with making decorations for the Pumpkin Discos.

Friday 19th October – Non Uniform Day Suggest donations of £1 per pupil. Money raised will be donated to Diabetes UK

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October - Half term

Monday 29th October – School Closed for INSET

Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November – Sponsored Mile to be run during PE lessons

Thursday 1st November – Pumpkin Discos

Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th November -Parent Teacher meetings Details of how to sign up will follow shortly.

Friday 7th December – Christmas Fayre Save the Date, more information will follow.

Have a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Pumpkin Disco decoration activities.

Yours sincerely,

Julie-Ann Swaysland

Headteacher