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30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear parent/ guardian,

Welcome back! I hope you and your family enjoyed the October half-term break and are ready for a very busy autumn 2 term.

### **Macmillan Cancer Support**

In support of Tommy, who attends our nursery and has been recently diagnosed with leukaemia, the school council's chosen charity for this year is Macmillan Cancer Support. I am sure you will appreciate what a worthy cause this is and will want to wish Tommy and his family all the best. I do hope you are able to help us with our fund-raising endeavours. All monies raised will be shared equally between Macmillan Cancer Support and school.

### **Diary Dates**

To help with your diary planning, I have put together some dates and times of the main events arranged for this half-term; however, please be aware dates may be subject to change if unseen issues arise. Please also check your weekly newsletter too for more details.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023** Year 5/6 SATs Understanding and Support Workshop (session time 5.30pm)

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023** School Council Carved Pumpkin Competition – 50p/ entry

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023** Bethany Project – 50p donation to be brought to school

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023** Reception Mathematics Workshop (session times: 9.00am/2.45pm and 5.30pm)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023** Year 5/6 choir at the Whitworth Cenotaph

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023** Year 1/2 Mathematics Workshop (session times: 2.45pm and 5.30pm)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023** Odd Socks Day (wear odd socks today for anti-bullying week)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023** Non-uniform day 'Bring a Bottle' and School Disco (Reception to year 3 3:45-5:00pm/ year 4 to year 6 5:15-6:30pm)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023** Non-uniform day 'Bring Chocolate' and Christmas Fair 5:00-7:00pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023** Year 5/6 choir at the Ashcroft – Whitworth Carol Concert (details to follow)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023** Reception Nativity 2:30pm and KS1 Nativity 5:45pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023** KS1 Nativity 2:30pm and Reception 5:45pm

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023** Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023** KS2 Christmas Sing Along 2:00pm

### **Families and Friends of Tonacliffe**

The Families and Friends of Tonacliffe need your help. There are two events being run by them this half term (school disco and the Christmas Fair). If you can support in any way – please email, with the subject heading FoT, your name, telephone number and email address to [emmaeyre83@gmail.com](mailto:emmaeyre83@gmail.com) and some one will get back in touch with you. The Christmas Fair in particular is our main fund raiser for the year and all money goes back in to school providing extras for your child. Thank you for your support in anticipation!

### **Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper Shop**

We are trying something new...

The run up to Christmas is always a particularly expensive time of year for many families. Does your child have any Christmas jumpers that they have grown out of or they no longer want? In helping you to save money and to also be climate friendly and demonstrate sustainability, we are trying to develop a pre-loved shop. If you could wash and donate any unwanted Christmas jumpers and bring them to school, our resident Eco-Committee will open the pre-loved shop (date to be confirmed) and you will be able to come and select any jumpers you want at no charge.

### **School Band**

Do you play a musical instrument? Are you interested in supporting our school band? I am looking for volunteers who can act as mentors to our budding young musicians. Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer 45 minutes of your time on Friday mornings.

### **Concerns**

Remember if you have any worries or concerns, big or small, please do not hesitate to contact me to make an appointment or come and chat with me on the yard at the start or end of a school day and I will do my best to help you.

### **Good News!**

And finally, Tonacliffe Primary Forest School and Community Allotment won the school category in the Whitworth Town Council Business Awards on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. A big thank you for your support with the Forest School and a special thank you to Mrs Clutterbuck and Mr McCormick who have been the driving force behind this initiative.

With best wishes,

*J. B. Heap*

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Headteacher

