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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Important Dates for the Diary.

- ✓ Friday 24th October INSET Day for school staff only.
- ✓ Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October HALF TERM.
- ✓ 20th to 23rd October, Parents' Evenings.
- ✓ Wednesday 12th November Y5 Class Mass in Church at 9:30am.
- ✓ Thursday 13th November Reception Open Evening for prospective new starters (September 2026.)

School Day Times: Children leaving early.

We know that, from time to time, all families have reasons to need to pick up children early from school. This can be an appointment or another unforeseen circumstance. As a school we try to support families with this but would ask that **early collections are kept to a minimum and only happen on a short term basis.** It is important that children are in school for as much of the day as possible so they don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

Wherever possible please inform the office prior to the appointment rather than at the last minute. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

During November we remember those who have been killed in conflicts around the world. During the first week after half term we will once again be selling poppies and other related items in support of the Royal British Legion. 'Snapbands' will be sold for £1 and all other items will be 50p. Throughout November, we will continue our prayers for all those who have died in conflicts around the world..



Absence due to illness.

We have had a significant amount of absence due to illness during the first half term of the school year. We are always trying to strike a balance between encouraging children to attend well and recognising when children should stay at home and therefore not spread illnesses to their classmates. It can be a tricky decision whether or not to send children into school but in general terms if children have a contagious illness or have a high temperature, they should remain at home. For other minor illnesses, eg a common cold, children will probably still be ok to attend school. It is always worth having a conversation with a health professional or a member of our school staff if you are unsure. A reminder to report your child's absence to the school office on the first day they are off school.

CAFOD Fast Day and Harvest Festival Collection.

To mark CAFOD Fast Day and celebrate Harvest Festival this year we held a collection to support our local 'Foodbank.' Thank you for all your generous contributions.



Values Blueprint.

Our value for the month of October is **Unity**; the word is derived from the Italian/ Spanish word '**uno**' meaning one. Last week in assembly we reflected on the special role or job each of us has been given. We are all very special and nobody else is able to do our job for us. We reflected on the words of St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, "God gives each of us different gifts and each gift is given to us by God for us to use. We need each other so that everything that needs to be done is done." Our value for November will be '**Friendship**.'

Jubilee Year.

Pope Francis designated this year is a Jubilee Year called 'Pilgrims of Hope.' We launched this in school in January and we have had a number of events and celebrations since:

- ✓ Classes studying places of pilgrimage,
- ✓ Big Lent Walk participation and sponsorship for CAFOD,
- ✓ Jubilee pledges in June and July,
- ✓ Recycling project to support 'take action for the local community,'
- ✓ Designated monthly 'Value' of Hope in June,
- ✓ CAFOD themed assemblies.
- ✓ Celebration Day 21st November 2025.



Keep an eye on our website for updates and further information.

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As always, thank you for your continued support and enjoy the last few days of the holiday.

M Burke. Headteacher.