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Dear families and children,

PTA Events

Firstly I must thank the PTA for the wonderful firework display that was organised on 3rd November. We were very lucky that the rain stopped and the evening was so mild! The fireworks were incredible. It was lovely to see so many families at the event and many local residents came too. It looks like an easy event to put on, but in reality a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes to make it all work - so thank you to the PTA for a marvellous event and to everyone who came along to support it!

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at that time of year when the PTA put on their film night - but we are! The poster is on the school website on the School Office page with details of how to pay and what will be happening while you go and do your Christmas shopping - it all takes place on Thursday 8th December!

Christmas Charity Events

For the past few years we have joined in the Shoe Box appeal and this has been wonderful. This year we are having a change and going to support a local charity for the homeless in their rucksack appeal. The details are here:



Thompson's Mission Christmas Appeal



We are organising a Christmas rucksack appeal for our local homeless and other people in need. Our aim is to ensure every homeless person in our area receives a gift this Christmas. Items can be packed into a rucksack or if you don't have a rucksack, you can also fill a shoebox.

Men and Women:

Clothing:

- New Underwear
- New Socks
- Hats, scarves & gloves
- Waterproofs
- Sleeping bag
- Belt

Toiletries:

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Shower gel/ Soap
- Deodorant / Wipes
- Hair brush / comb
- Sanitary items
- Lip balm
- Tissues
- Wash cloth
- Toiletry bag

Food items:

- Chocolate / Sweets
- Crisps / Cereal bars
- Packet soups
- Drinks
- Other Snacks

Other items:

- Save a way bus ticket
- Take away food voucher
- Small gifts
- Christmas Card
- Torch / Flask

Please send your donation items from the above list - plus any rucksacks to put them in, directly to school and we will organise everything and drop them off at the correct collection points - thank you.

We will be joining in Christmas Jumper day on Friday 16th December - this is the same day as the Children's Christmas fair. Bring £1 for wearing your jumper (goes to Save the Children) and some spending money for the fair as well!



We are also supporting another local charity this year. Shelley is coming to school to talk to the children about RETRAK, a charity based in Cheshire who help children. But the children that RETRAK help do not live in a home, instead they live on the street in Malawi. Shelley is going out to Malawi soon to help the homeless children there. You can bring £1 into school on 25th November to help Shelley and her team help the children of Malawi. Shelley and her team will be talking to the children about their work in Malawi in one of our assemblies.

Finally - it is Children in Need on Friday 18th November and we do like to help out. Children can come to school in non-uniform for the day - the theme is wear spots!!!! - bring a £1 donation.

That's a lot to remember so here's a summary for you:

- Friday 18th November - non uniform day (wear spots) for Children in Need - bring a £1
- Friday 25th November - wear your uniform but bring a £1 for the Malawi appeal
- Friday 16th December - non uniform day and wear your Christmas jumper - bring £1 and spending money for the Christmas fair!
- Rucksack donations - send in any time from the list above!

Christmas Performances

This year we are doing a whole school Christmas performance for the children in Reception to year 6 on Monday 12th December. We have enlisted the help of Caldy Grammar School for this event. On the day we will hold 2 main performances- one at 2.00pm and one at 5.00pm. Each family can have 2 tickets for each of these performances - no pre school children (including babies) are permitted in any performances. At 11.00am on the same day we will hold a dress rehearsal. This is open to guests and no tickets are required for this performance. To cover the cost of Caldy Grammar School tickets will cost £1 each for the performances. Tickets will have allocated seat numbers and will be sent home before the performances. To secure your tickets you will need to purchase them through TUCASI and we will send you a text to let you know when the system is open for you to do this.

Football competition

We wish our year 6 football team well as they take part in a competition at Liverpool Football Club on Wednesday 16th November. Good luck!

and finally,

Our congratulations go to Mrs Embery and her husband who are about to adopt 2 wonderful boys. The Embery family is complete! Mrs Stoker has joined us in Nursery and will keep Mrs Embery's seat warm, whilst she takes time with her new family!

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher