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Dear families and children,

PTA Firework event

This year's fireworks were amazing! It was a superb night and the weather was very kind to us! The display really was incredible. The PTA put on a great family evening and it was so good to see the enormous support from the families and friends of the school. Thank you.

Online Survey for Pupils

We should have finished our pupil survey but we haven't due to some technical issues!! Thankfully this is now sorted and we should have the results of the pupil survey at the end of this week. I will put the results on the school website for you to see!

New Celebration garden

We are in the process of designing the path for this new garden. It will be a path that allows the children to use the garden in all weathers. We are hoping that this can be constructed before Christmas, which will then allow us to start developing the garden with as many things that the children would like - their survey will guide us on that! When I have more information on this I will let you know.

Art exhibition

On Thursday 23rd November we are holding our whole school art exhibition. The exhibition will be open from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Every child will have a framed piece of art work on show and you can purchase this if you wish for £6.00 (the last time we had an art exhibition was 5 years ago and the cost was £7 so it's good to see a price going down!). Following the last exhibition, we were told many times, that families wished they could buy additional prints for grandparents and other family members for Christmas. We have listened to this request and we can offer you a framed print of the original piece of work for £5 - a great Christmas present to give to other family members! Art work and prints can be ordered during the exhibition and there will be refreshments for the adults! We look forward to a fabulous event celebrating the talents of our children.

Dates for this half term

The remaining dates for this half term, after the art exhibition are:

- Thursday 7th December PTA film night
- Tuesday 12th December - Christmas performance dress rehearsal at 9.30am and afternoon performance at 2.00pm
- Wednesday 13th December Christmas performance in afternoon at 2.00pm and evening at 5.00pm
- Thursday 14th December children's xmas lunch
- Friday 15th December - PTA children's xmas fair and Nursery carols. This is also Christmas jumper day so come in your jumpers!



Christmas events and paying /booking them!

Any of the above Christmas events that require payment are now on TUCASI!

Christmas performances - there are 2 tickets per family for each performance on TUCASI and these are detailed in the account of the oldest child in the family. The dress rehearsal is on Tuesday 12th at 9.30am and you do not need tickets to come and watch the rehearsal. Please note that for ALL performances, children under school age (including babies) will not be admitted to the performance. A crèche will be open during each performance and any children under pre-school age will go into the crèche. Tickets will be sent home in the week of 4th December.

Children's Christmas lunch

The children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 have Universal Free School meals and so their Christmas lunch is already paid for. If you do not wish your Reception, year 1 or year 2 children to have a Christmas lunch you need to let the school office know.

Children in years 3 to 6 need to pay for their Christmas lunch through TUCASI, unless they are eligible for Free School meals. If your child is eligible for Free school meals and you do not wish them to have Christmas lunch you need to let us know.

If your child is in Nursery and you wish them to have a Christmas lunch please pay for this through TUCASI.

Film night

These tickets can be paid for through TUCASI against each child's account.

Heswall Beaver Scout Group

Heswall Beaver Scout Group have available spaces for all children aged 6-8 to join at 6th Heswall in Heswall United Reformed Church Hall. They meet each Thursday during term time from 17:30 to 18:30. If any parents wish to come along they are welcome to just attend on the evening or they can call Emma Craig on 07772588727.

Children In Need Day

Friday 17th November is Children in Need day. The children can come to school in non-uniform and bring a cash donation for this charity. The theme this year is 'Do your thing!' and in the afternoon each class will give the children the opportunity to share their talent - could it be singing? Dancing? Telling jokes? Doing magic tricks? All will be revealed!

Data protection act

The Data Protection is becoming more structured and as such we cannot give out the names of pupils in classes. This means that if you wish to organise a child's party and invite all the class we cannot give you names of the other pupils! Instead, we suggest that if you wish us to circulate invitations you hand in the correct number without names written on and we will pass them on for you. Please bear in mind this is not our wish to have this system but we have to stay in line with data protection requirements.

And finally,

Thank you to those who have helped put up the new picnic tables for the children. They look amazing! We need more help to do this, so if you can help please let us know.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Brown'.

Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher