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Reminders

Y5/6 football club on Mondays from next week.

Choir keep practising the songs – not long to go to our ‘Singing Together’ concert.

Next PTA Friends meeting is Jan 30th at 7.30 in the Village Inn – everyone welcome.

No Stepping Stones this Friday.

Book Fair

This year our annual book fair will be taking place from Wednesday 22nd to Tuesday 28th January. You will be able to come along to the school hall every evening after school except Monday. The only difference is on Monday 27th January, we will be opening the book fair in a morning, from 8.45-9.15. For any book we sell, Scholastic will donate a percentage back to school. This year we are going to supplement our SEN reading scheme with some new books. So please feel free to pop along and have a browse.

Y5/6 football club

Unfortunately, Mr Skinner has to move his Y5/6 football club from a Tuesday to a Monday for a period of six weeks. So, from next week – starting Monday 20th January Y5/6 football club will be on a Monday until after the half term. Y3/4 football club will continue to be on a Thursday.

Tesco bags of help scheme

We are very fortunate to have been chosen for the Tesco bags of help scheme. This means that if you shop in Burscough Bridge Tesco, you will be given a small blue disc when you make a purchase. You can place it into the voting containers at the front of the store. Please choose our school container.

Our project will be there for January, February and March, so please tell all your family, friends and neighbours. We will be awarded £2000, £1000 or £500 depending on how many tokens we receive.

So get voting and posting!

Celebration Worship

Well done to all those children who made it to the bench, they were:

Reception	Maddie
Year 1	Henry
Year 2	Harry
Year 3	Emily
Year 4	James B and Ethan
Year 5	Leah
Year 6	Jessica

Our Worship Theme for this Week is...

Heartsmart – too much selfie isn’t healthy

Fitbits

Lots of the children had a Christmas gift of a ‘Fitbit’ (or similar step counting watch) this year. Obviously, we want to encourage children to be more active and knowing step count is motivational but I would like to encourage children to behave responsibly with these devices. However, if the Fitbit becomes a distraction within school, i.e. children messing with them in lessons or waving their arms around in Worship (which we have had a couple of instances last week), they will be taken off the children and given back at the end of the day to be taken home and left there. Children are also responsible for their own Fitbit and need to look after it (we have had cases of lost Fitbit’s, which obviously cause distress as they are expensive devices). I would also like to remind parents that Smartwatches are not permitted in school.



Stepping Stones

Unfortunately, Stepping Stones will have to be cancelled for this week – Friday 17th January, as we are having some windows replaced in some classes and the children will have to be relocated to the hall for safety.

Friends

Christmas Jumpers

This year we have introduced a school uniform shop, where you can donate school uniform that no longer fits that can be sold for a small fee at events. If you have any Christmas jumpers that no longer fit we would like to add them to our shop so that parents/carers can benefit from reduced price jumpers when needed later in the year. We would also welcome costumes that could be used for world book day.

Unwanted Christmas Decorations

If you have decided to buy new decorations during the sales we would welcome any donations of Christmas Decorations that could be used at the Christmas Market later in the year,

Unwanted Gifts

If you received a gift at Christmas or on a birthday that aren't quite to your taste (or you got two the same) we'd love any donations that can be used as prizes for our future events.

You can drop them off at the school office and the PTA will store them until they can be used.

Scarecrow Festival

This year the Scarecrow committee consists of one person and though they have a lot of experience in organising the festival they cannot do it alone.

We urgently need volunteers to help organise the Family Fun Day (Spring Fair) and Scarecrow Market. If volunteers are not found then these elements of the festival **will be cancelled**.

If you are interested in helping, no matter how small your contribution can be, on your own or with a group of friends, please contact Tina at Friends.pta.tht@gmail.com for information.

Library

Thank you to Mrs Goddard who has volunteered to be our librarian. Please note, **Library day has now changed to a Thursday** afternoon.

Attendance Figures

This week, 181 (out of 193) of our children managed to achieve 100%. The winner of 'best attending class of the week' was Miss Jagger and Mrs Simpson's Y4 class with 100% attendance – well done not a single child was off school. Fabulously, there were no children late for school last week either. Great attendance figures.

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,

Tracy Dimmock
Acting Headteacher

Thought for the day:

The new theme for this half term from our PSHE scheme Heartsmart was introduced by Mr Marshall on Monday. I thought it would be good for parent/carers to have an idea about what the children will be learning about in the next few weeks.

Empathy. Exploring the importance of others and how to love them well.

There are 7.6 billion other people on the earth, you might have noticed that there's a few other people in our classrooms, houses, maybe even in our bedroom! Often we're encouraged to think about our needs, our rights and the things that we can have. None of which is necessarily bad but it's just that it can squeeze others out of frame and all that's left is us, looming large. Sometimes we need to lift our eyes from our phones and look up at the world around us which is full of different people with different values and different beliefs. It's a vibrant and wonderful place where everyone is different. It's not that we have to agree with everyone but everyone is worthy of our attention, love and empathy.

Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy is about working well with others, about being a good listener and understanding that life is more about *we* than *me*. Love without action isn't love, it's a thought. Love requires an out; love does. By contributing to the lives of others we find fulfilment for ourselves and learn that *Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy!*