

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupils returned refreshed after the half term break ready to start the second half of the Autumn Term. Those pupils who attend residential enjoyed 'Halloween' themed parties and shared with me the next day the activities they took part in.

Key Stage 3 hosted a coffee morning for families on Thursday. Thank you to Miss Owen and her team for organising this event. It provided an opportunity for families to talk to class teachers and teaching assistants about their child's progress in school. It also provided Key Stage 3 with an opportunity to hold a raffle to raise funds for a coach to take the whole of Key Stage 3 to Chester Zoo on Friday 17th November. Thank you to Kirsty, whose initial idea it was to organise this trip and to other staff, including Jane, who helped with the raffle. I will try and order some dry, clear weather for the day!

It was also nice to see Governors attend the coffee morning. Governors are volunteers who help support school and bring with them a wealth of experiences and skills that support school ambitions and development. They are keen to attend future events and talk to families about their experiences of school. You will be able to identify a Governor as they wear orange lanyards labelled 'Governor'. I am very grateful for the support they offer school and now we almost have full membership the impact on school is already proving a positive one- Thank you.

There are a number of other school events coming up this term:

- Friday 17th November - Key Stage 3 trip to Chester Zoo.
- Thursday 30th November - Winter Fair (1:00pm- 2:30pm).
- Tuesday 12th December - Carol Service at St John's Church, Hartford (10.00am).

School will close for the Christmas break on Friday 15th December and re-open for pupils on Wednesday 4th January, 2024.

School will receive a visit from Tempest photography on Monday 13th November. If you prefer your child not to have their photograph taken, please inform the class teacher.

Next week will see school start preparations for Anti-Bullying week 2023. This is an important week with a wide range of activities for pupils to take part in. Recently we have managed a small number of incidents where pupils have used language that is not acceptable in school or any community. Education is the key - whilst we cannot control the content of the internet or social media - we can and do challenge any behaviour that puts young people at risk and support those affected. Please be reassured that whilst the number of incidents is very, very low - we treat every one seriously. We are a school where there are 'No Outsiders'. It is important for you to know that those pupils involved and affected have responded very positively to the support from school. I am also grateful for the support from families.

I hope to meet more families at the upcoming events. Until then take care and have a safe weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Head Teacher



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