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Dear Parents / Carers

Take One Memory

On Friday 10th October from 1.30 – 2.45pm the school would like to invite parents to come into school to help us celebrate the near conclusion of our Take One Memory learning journey. The children in Key Stage Two have been learning about World War One whilst Key Stage One children have been thinking about their own memories. During the afternoon the PTA will be serving refreshments and the older children will be offering tours discussing the work on display. Each class will also put on a 15minute performance within their individual classes. To ensure parents will be able to attend more than one event there will be a schedule for the performances produced next week. We do hope you will be able to come along; share the children's work and help them celebrate.

On Wednesday 15th October the children will also enjoy a performance of 'Your Country Needs You' performed by a travelling theatre company.

Curriculum PE /School Sports

We are working extremely hard to support improvements to curriculum PE sessions. During this academic year class teachers and individual classes will be working with a range of professionals improving delivery of sessions and ultimately sporting outcomes for our children. This term the children in Owls Class are enjoying sports session led by Premier Sport coaches and Squirrels Class are receiving lessons led by sports coaches from Cumnor House. All classes will receive coaching support from both sets of coaches and other sporting organisations throughout the academic year.

School Support

We are extremely lucky to have parents and family members who give up their time to help support the children with activities such as reading and times tables. We are currently looking for anyone who would be able to support children using our school library. The afternoons the library is not supervised are Tuesday and Thursday. The task involves simply writing down the name of the book the children would like to take out and marking down when they are returned. Library book changing times are 1.30 -2pm, but this could easily be negotiated. If you help out already and could spare an extra ½ hour or simply have some free time please let the office staff know.

The school is currently looking for an MDSA (Mid-Day Supervisor) to help the children during school lunchtimes and supporting their play in the playground. If you would be interested in this position please speak to myself or let the office staff know.

Sports Mark

The school is very proud to announce it has achieved a National qualification for the participation of school sport both within and outside of the curriculum. Well done to

everyone who has participated in school sport and represented the school throughout the last year. Well done Everyone!

Faith and Worship

As a church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School it is important to us that we maintain an ethos where by Christian beliefs are celebrated as well as taught discreetly. It is also important to teach and encourage our children to learn about all other world religions and the importance of cultural diversity as well as scientific understandings of the world.

Our whole school assemblies consist of (a) A 20 minute singing assembly where the children are taught a range of songs to sing and develop actions to; these can be both religious and non-religious. (b) A values assembly (this changes each term) - the values celebrated within school encourage the children to be kind and caring towards each other and instil beliefs and behaviours that will help them as they grow and develop into young adults. (c) A Christian belief based assembly. (d) A phase assembly where children's stories are shared and morals discussed and (e) A celebration of the children's work and achievements throughout the school week. These assemblies form the basis of all celebration and worship for the children. Finally the children are encouraged to say a prayer during the school day or asked to think of things they are thankful for or would like to improve in themselves. We feel this time of reflection is important to help the children learn the importance of empathy towards others.

Extreme Reading

This year the school is focusing on the importance of reading simply for pleasure. We are creating a wonderful display in the main corridor of us reading in extreme places. All the teachers have started with photos of themselves reading in unusual places; we would like to challenge you to take a photo of your child reading in an unusual place! We are running a competition for the most extreme and unusual places where reading has happened. To help us with the display please bring in a 5" x 7" photo.

Obviously, we want you to stay safe. We are really looking forward to seeing who has such a passion for reading that they have to do it anywhere and everywhere!

Parent Consultation Meetings

Next week parent consultation meeting forms will be sent out to parents. Please sign and return these as soon as possible to ensure the dates and times you would like are available.

Important Dates

Friday, 10.10.14 – An Afternoon of Remembrance – Take One Memory

Wednesday, 15.10.14 – 3.30pm-5.30pm Parent Consultations

Tuesday, 21.10.14 – 4pm-6pm Parent Consultations

Thursday, 23.10.14 – 9am Hedgehogs Class Assembly

Thursday, 23.10.14 - 6pm-8pm Parent Consultations

Friday, 24.10.14 – End of Term 1

Monday, 03.11.14 – INSET day – School closed to pupils

Tuesday, 04.11.14 – Pupils return to school

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr S James
Head Teacher

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