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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school. We are excited to begin a new half term filled with learning opportunities and seasonal events as we count down to Christmas. There are several important dates coming up, so please keep an eye on the schedule below. Thank you for your invaluable support and partnership throughout the year. Before looking ahead, we'd like to reflect on some of the wonderful achievements and activities enjoyed during the first half of the autumn term.

Harvest Festival



A huge thank you to everyone who donated tins and dried food to the Helping Hands New Mills food bank to support our local community. The children enjoyed performing poems and songs in our beautiful local church.

Football



Our Y5/6 girls and boys football teams got through to the second round of the small schools' football tournament. They all played very well and represented the school with pride and courage. Thank you to everyone who helped them to get to the venue.

The Eats Meets and Treats Roadshow 15th October



Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for this fun and informative roadshow. All nibbles and refreshments were funded through local neighbourhood funding. There were Freebies and information materials for all families who attended on the day. It was a great success and we would love your feedback on it.

Healthy School

THE STOP CAMPAIGN
PREVENTING AND TACKLING BULLYING IN DERBYSHIRE
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Children in Need Day 13th November



This year we are supporting the annual fundraising appeal of BBC Children in Need. This fabulous charity supports disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. To raise money, we are inviting pupils to come to school in their pyjamas for the day. Please make donations directly to the charity online.
https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/

Anti-Bullying Week 16th-20th November



Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November with the theme: Break the Silence. This year's campaign - Break the Silence - will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.
Organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is coordinated by leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau, Anti-Bullying Week has become one of the largest children's wellbeing campaigns in the UK, reaching an estimated 8 million children and young people and over 80% of schools each year.
The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th, with staff and pupils being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. On Friday 20th November all pupils are invited to wear red clothes to share the message 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

Dates for your diary:

- **Monday each week will be swimming for Y5/6**
- **13/11- Children in Need, wear pyjamas please**
- **16/11-20/11 Anti Bullying Week, Monday wear odd socks, Friday wear red please**
- **20/11- Wear own clothes along with something red, please bring chocolate for the chocolate stall at the fair.**
- **27/11- Wear own clothes, please bring a bottle for the bottle tombola at the fair.**
- **4/12- Wear own clothes, please bring £1 donation for the PTA to support the Christmas Fair.**
- **4/12- Christmas Fair including Santa! 3:15-4:30 pm**
- **7/12 am- Pantomime in school for all pupils**
- **7/12- Parents and carers invited into school for Story Time: 2:45-3:15pm**
- **8/12- KS1 Nativity at 6 pm**
- **9/12- KS1 Nativity at 9:30 am**
- **16/12 pm - Parties and party school dinner, please come to school in your party clothes.**
- **18/12/26 last day of term**
- **4/1/27 return to school**

Christmas is a time for gratitude, and we are so thankful to be part of such a caring and supportive school community. From everyone at school, we wish you a magical Christmas season and a New Year filled with precious family memories.
Best wishes,

Sarah Craig- Executive Headteacher
Fiona Hall- Head of School