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# St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term! I hope you all had lovely half term holidays. You will be receiving letters giving details of this term's topics and any changes to arrangements around Forest School days or trips and events over the next week so look out for those.

Hopefully, you have all received the link and have successfully logged on to School Cloud to book parent teacher interviews with your child's teacher next week. Please let us know if you have had any difficulties in booking an appointment. If your child is on the SEN register, we will be contacting you separately to arrange an alternative time to meet with you during November.

Due to the expiry of an existing governor's term of office, we will be holding an election for a parent governor this term. If you would be interested in standing for election, please see the attached information. We would like to receive any nominations by Friday 3rd December.

Friday 19th November is Children in Need Day and we would like to invite children (and staff!) to come to school in 'Mix and Match' fancy dress - this could be odd socks, mismatched colours, or a mixture of types of clothes: e.g. sports kit and party clothes. The children can use their imagination! We ask the children to bring £1 or £2 for Children in Need and I am sure we will have a fun day raising money for a good cause.

Today is the last day for ordering a Christmas Wreath making kit from the PTFA - you can do this via Parent Pay. Christmas card designs are also coming home this week so look out for those. We are holding a PTFA meeting in the school hall next Monday evening, 8th November at 7.30pm, so do come and join us if you are interested in finding out more and supporting the PTFA fundraising events. Having funded new smartboards for our KS2 classes, we are now hoping to raise enough money to replace our older adventure playground in the Junior playground.

Year 3 and 4 took part in a Geography fieldtrip in the last week of last term, surveying the Bullcroft. They carried out a vegetation survey, estimating the percentage of different vegetation in each quadrant, identified and sketched the human and physical features and created maps using symbols to make a key. On the last day of term Year 2 took centre stage and 'wowed' Foundation Stage and Year 1 with their Circus Show. The children had learnt to juggle, be acrobats and clowns - and were thoroughly entertaining. We all loved it. Well done to Year 2!

This week Year 6 went to the Pitt Rivers Museum to learn about the Maya Civilisation. They were 'history detectives', looking at artefacts and deciding on their use, as well as learning more about the Maya from the museum staff and looking at the exhibits. The children were a real credit to us on their first trip out of school for 2 years! It is lovely to be organising trips to support the learning after so long of not having any.

We will be uploading some photos of these events onto our Blog so do look out for those.

Have a lovely weekend,

Nicky Hughes