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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that the children enjoyed the non uniform day today as a thank you for all of their efforts in fundraising for the Great North Air Ambulance. We now have a full update on the amount raised and it is an astonishing £6177.50! We will be presenting this to the GNAA on 6th December. Also, well done to the children for showing their respect in marking Remembrance Day today with a moment of silence and reflection.

Odd Socks Day

Remember that this Monday 14th November it is our 'Odd Socks Day' which will mark the start of Anti Bullying Week with the purpose to being to recognise how we celebrate differences and diversity.

Craft Fair

I have been approached by three of our Year Four children who have asked if I could publicise a fundraising event they have organised. On Saturday 19th November, they will be at the craft fair at St Nicholas' Church from 10am where they will be selling a range of items which they have been busy making since the summer. All money raised by the girls will be donated to the RSPCA. If you are able to support them, I know they would be delighted and enormously grateful. I have taken the liberty of sharing their poster should you wish to display it.....!!

Remembrance Service

Just a reminder that Y4 to Y6 will be attending the Remembrance Service next Tuesday, 1.30pm at St Nicholas' Church.

PD Days

Another reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Friday 2nd and Monday 5th December.

Mr Wood

At the end of this term, Mr Wood will be retiring and therefore leaving us. From January, Mr Gowland will be the class teacher having been recently appointed to the post. Mr Gowland will be known to many of you as he has been employed at Belmont previously and we very much look forward to welcoming him back. I would like to place on the record my enormous thanks and gratitude to Mr Wood for his energy, hard work and commitment during the time he has spent with us and he will be missed. We wish him all the very best in his retirement.

Additional Bank Holiday

Doubtless you will be aware that Monday 8th May 2023 has now been designated a Bank Holiday. Those of you with children in Year Six will also be aware that this date is currently the first day of Key Stage Two test week, with Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling being the scheduled test on that day. We are unsure of how this will be mitigated as all we have received so far is that the Standards and Testing Agency will 'update schools on what this means as soon as possible'. Like you, I look forward to hearing the plans imminently.

Children in Need

We will be holding our non uniform day to support Children in Need next Friday 18th November where children can attend school in non uniform in return for a one pound donation to support the charity.

I think that is about it for now! As always many thanks for your continued support and, to repeat myself again, many, many thanks for your unbelievable fundraising efforts for the GNAA.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,
Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson