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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all managed to enjoy the half term break. We have now entered that time of year where the calendar tends to get a little busier than usual in the countdown to, well, you know.....!!

Mrs Jones

Today we say farewell to Mrs Jones, one of our teaching assistants. Mrs Jones has been working here at Belmont for sixteen years. During this time, I think it is fair to say that she has worked in every area of the school, supporting children in their learning. She has also facilitated a range of clubs, has been a lunchtime supervisor as well as working as one of our school librarians. On top of this, she has also always been keen to offer help and support wherever and whenever it has been needed. We all wish her the very best in her new job and would like to thank her for all she has done during her time at Belmont.

Remembrance

As mentioned in previous correspondence, this Tuesday 14th November is the KS2 Remembrance Service at St Nicholas' Church from 1.30pm. This is a shared event with Chaloner Primary School but you are welcome to join us.

'Love in a Box'

Just a reminder that any contributions to the 'Love in a Box' appeal need to be with us by 16th November as this is the day they will be getting collected.

Discos

Many thanks to everybody who helped at the discos this week. Without your support, these would simply not happen and we (and I also speak on behalf of the children) are grateful for your support. Huge thanks also to Mrs Morton and Miss Blackett along with the team at FoB for organising this and other events.

Odd Socks

As advised in a previous correspondence, this coming Monday 13th November will be 'Odd Socks Day' which commemorates the start of Anti Bullying Week. If you want to know a little bit more about the rationale behind this event, please do follow the link to the Anti Bullying Alliance which will tell you all you need to know!:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/odd-socks-day>

Mini Shoppers

This year we will once again be operating the 'Mini Shoppers' event organised by our fabulous Friends of Belmont. This has proved to be hugely popular previously and we very much hope this will continue to be the case this year. Information about this will be shared.

School Crossing Patrol

We have been told that there will be a replacement crossing patrol warden. However, we do not know when this will be. In the meantime, it would be helpful (and quite sensible, really...) to NOT park in between the pink road markings on Eglinton Avenue. I am sure I do not need to say that they are there for a very good reason (ie the safety of everybody's children).

What's Going On!?

OK, so I mentioned at the top of this communication that we have entered possibly the busiest period of the year so here is a rundown of what to expect between now and the end of term. More information will be given nearer the time where necessary.

13 th November	Odd Socks Day	13 th December	Christmas Lunch
14 th November	Remembrance Service, 1.30pm St Nicholas' Church (KS2)	13 th December	Choir Festival St Nicholas' Church (info sent already)
30 th November	Reception 'Rise and Read', 8.30am	14 th December	Reception Nativity
1 st / 4 th December	School closed (PD Days)	18 th December	School Christmas 'singalong' EY and KS1 (5pm)
11 th December	Nursery Craft Day. Info to come.	19 th December	School Christmas 'singalong' KS2 (5pm)
12 th December	KS2 Christmas Service St Nicholas' Church, 1.30pm	22 nd December	Reindeer Run (in aid of Teesside Hospice; Reports given out; End of term

I did say there were a few things happening! Remember to keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

And Finally...

I hope you have a pleasant weekend and remember to take extra care in the evenings now daylight time is shorter.

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Gibson