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Dear Parents / Carers,

It really is thoroughly unpleasant out there this morning (Thursday) and I can say that I am not hugely looking forward to going out on the gate in an hour's or so time as I write! Never mind!

Remembrance

Many thanks to all who attended the service on Tuesday at St Nicholas' Church with our Year Five and Six pupils. Sadly, I was unable to attend but in conversation with staff who were there, I am aware that it was a very well respected and attended service.

In school, we observed the occasion too with classes viewing the live stream on the BBC at 11am and I am sure you will not be surprised to learn, the level of respect shown was impeccable.

Anti Bullying Week

Firstly, what a most magnificent array of odd socks we saw displayed on Monday as we as a school demonstrated our support for diversity, individuality and inclusion at the start of Anti Bullying Week. We also spent time in class reminding ourselves once again what bullying is and the impact it can have. As mentioned many times before, we as a school (and as individuals) do not tolerate bullying and have clear procedures in place should any such occurrence be reported. Children have been reminded how to share concerns, both on behalf of themselves and, indeed, others should they be aware of any situations and they seem confident of doing so.

It must be remembered that we adopt pretty much the same approach to any form of unkindness, even if it is seen as an 'isolated incident' as opposed to bullying. Our mantra really is quite simple: not everybody will be friends with one another. However, everybody will show respect, both face to face and, indeed, online. On that note, we will and do respond to issues involving children's online communications, even if they do not happen in school as I believe it is our moral imperative to do so. If you are aware of any messages you deem to be inappropriate, please do:

- 1) Take a screenshot of the offending comment
- 2) Contact us at school, sharing the screenshot. We will take it from there.

Children in Need

Many thanks to those who have asked whether or not we will be supporting this charity. The simple answer is YES WE WILL! Next Friday, it will be another non-uniform day with the usual request for a one pound donation! As always, yellow is the theme colour, as usual, any colour is fine as long as it is comfortable and appropriate and, as always, no hair colouring!!!!!!!

World Diabetes Awareness Day

Many thanks to all who supported this and added to the petition. We will let you know how much was raised once it has all been counted up!

Christmas Disco

By the time you receive this letter, you will have been sent information about the forthcoming discos on Tuesday 9th December. Firstly, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the staff who will be supporting this at an exceptionally busy time with a range of other events happening during the last couple of weeks of the term. Secondly, a reminder that, as has been the case recently, children must be 'booked in' online for the reasons mentioned on the letter sent. To reiterate, we need to ensure we have enough staff, provisions and, most importantly, a register of attendees in case of emergency. And, as always, children MUST be collected from the event regardless of which year group they are in!

Road Safety

Not about parking this time (although if the person who actually parked ON one of our neighbour's driveways this week without permission could please desist, we would be most grateful....) but instead, a visit this coming Monday from Cleveland Fire Brigade who visit the school to provide a timely reminder to children about keeping themselves safe. This time of year, and also around such a busy environment, the messages shared by our friends at Cleveland Fire Service are vital and we are, of course, enormously grateful for their support.

Maternity Paternity!!!

In chronological order, firstly, congratulations to Mr Gowland (and, of course, Mrs Gowland!) on the birth of their second daughter yesterday, 13th November. The family are all well. Secondly, best wishes to Mrs Leather as she leaves us to commence her maternity leave and I shall keep you updated with any news!

And Finally....

It's getting a touch chilly out there and, perhaps, a wee bit damp. I would suggest waterproofs and woollies or, better still, stay inside and light the fire! Whatever you decide, have a lovely weekend!

Have a good one!

Yours Sincerely

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