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Dear Parents/Carers,

The events last week for the 50th anniversary were a huge success and greatly enjoyed by people across and beyond the school community. Huge thanks to the many parents who assisted with erecting and/or dismantling the marquee, serving refreshments, setting up events or helping in any other way.



There are a number of mementos of the anniversary celebrations available, as follows:

- The souvenir anniversary tea towel was given to each family at the vintage picnic and more are available to buy for £3.
- Each child also received a souvenir anniversary mug and more are available to buy for £5.
- The stunning souvenir scrapbook telling the story of the school over the past 50 years is available for £10 per copy.
- Souvenir postcards are also on sale for 50p each or 3 for £1.

All the above would make great presents for family and friends!!!! All proceeds to the school.

Dates for the term - there will be more details about all the following in separate letters/future newsletters.

MONDAY 27th OCTOBER ~ FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER – HALF TERM	
Wed 5 th November – 8.45am	Beech class assembly – parents welcome
Wed 5 th – Fri 7 th November	Oak Class residential visit to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
Tues 18 th November	Individual photos taken
Friday 5 th December	FROGSS Christmas Fair
Thursday 11 th December - 1.30pm	Infant performance ‘Angel Express’ in school hall
Friday 12 th December - 9am	
Mon 15 th December -1.30pm	Christmas service in church
Friday 19 th December	END OF TERM

Payment for swimming lessons – a reminder

We have to pay for the hire of the coach and the pool. The cost usually rises every year and depends on how many sessions we take but it is always more than £1,000. It does not depend on how many children we take. We have to pay for it even if some children are absent.

WE ASK FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF £35 PER CHILD PER TERM (£70 PER YEAR) TOWARDS THE COST.

The remainder is paid out of funds raised by FROGSS. (If we did not use money from FROGSS, parents would probably need to pay about £50 per term). It is worth noting that this cost is significantly less than the cost of public lessons at the Westgate Centre (£61.20 per term)

If you have more than one child in school, you may pay £35 for the older child and £30 each for the others. If you have not yet paid please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!





Wellington boots

We have decided to trial allowing pupils to wear wellies so we can get greater use of the field at break/lunchtimes. Pupils will keep (named) wellies in school on their peg in a suitable (named) bag - those without wellies will be restricted to play on the playground. This will be effective from **Monday 10th November** to allow time to purchase wellies. Pupils can bring in wellies in preparation anytime before 10th November. Thank you for your co-operation.

Battery recycling

The school now has a battery recycling box by the front door. Here is some information about the scheme:

Why recycle batteries?

Batteries are made from important resources and chemicals, including lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and mercury. Each battery placed in the bright red recycling box in the school entrance will be taken apart and many of the materials will be recovered and used to make new batteries or something else. If you put your batteries into a rubbish bin they will be taken to landfill sites and the resources lost.

Recycling batteries is good for the environment. It keeps them out of landfill, where heavy metals may leak into the ground when the battery casing corrodes, causing soil and water pollution. If batteries are incinerated with household waste, the heavy metals in them may cause air pollution.

Which batteries can I recycle?

All types of battery – disposable and rechargeable – can be recycled, including:

- AAA and AA cells
- Sizes C and D
- Button batteries (e.g. watch or hearing aid batteries)
- Mobile phone, laptop or powertool batteries



Parent Governor

Following the recent nomination process Mrs Victoria Chuter has been nominated and re-appointed to the position of Parent Governor at the school. Many thanks to her for her continued support of the school.

Building works

You may have spotted the planning notice for a new teaching space to be built on the site of the polytunnel at the rear of the school. The building work for this much needed extra facility will be starting after half term so please be aware of extra traffic and people around the school site. The contractors will be on site for approximately three weeks.

FROGSS Christmas fair – Friday 5th December

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and as last year we are having a jam jar stall.

During half term we would like you and your child/children to fill a clean glass jar, with the label removed and bring them into school by **14th November**. The jars could be filled with anything suitable for children eg. sweets, pens/pencils/crayons, soaps, lego bricks, etc. Please be as adventurous as you like.

We will arrange for the jam jars to be decorated before the fair!
Thank you!

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Have a great half term break!

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd
Headteacher