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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I hope you managed to have a good half-term period and as always, it is a pleasure to welcome the children back to school. It was really good to have the non-uniform day as a reward as behaviour was excellent last term.

There are quite a few things to update you all on:

Children In Need:

Firstly, thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion poppy appeal.

This year we would like to mark Children In Need day in each class and to raise some money for this worthy charity. We will have another non-uniform day – wear yellow, spots and/or teddy ears etc. Unfortunately, I do not have much yellow, Pudsey's colour, in my wardrobe, however; I would like everyone to do their best with what they already have at home. There will be a voluntary contribution of £1 on MCAS from 4:00pm today and hopefully we will have a fun day!

Achievements across the school in term 1:

- Evie VS won a bronze medal in the Y5 cross country tournament
- Bradley and Amiyah won gold medals in an inclusive cross country tournament
- Our boys against (Saltford) and girls football teams (against Pensford) have won cup matches and are through to the next round of the BANES Cup
- The girls football team got through to the semi-finals in the BANES tournament
- Y4 came 2nd in a local area athletics competition (Quad kids)
- Behaviour continues to be good across the school with an ever-decreasing number of yellows being given, which is very good
- Amber class have enjoyed becoming published authors with their book 'The Day The Alien Came' making good sales. They even received a letter of congratulations from Queen Camilla!
- Topaz Class attended a book event with A F Steadman the author of the Skandar series.
- Jade Class have been getting ready for a January singing performance at Bath Abbey as part of the All Voices choir. They also had a stone age day.
- Ruby Class had a fantastic time at Kilve Court on their residential trip and Y6 girls had a great time at Prior Park school on a female sports and empowerment day
- Academic achievement across the school is good and is often above national averages



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Term 2 dates:

There are a several important and festive events which I would like to draw your attention:

Date	Event
11.11	Armistice day marked across the school
14.11	FOSK discos
15.11	Children In Need Day
18.11	Start of low-key assessment fortnight
18.11	Start of anti-bullying week
W/C 25.11	Y5 swimming this week
6.12	Y6 to take part in Keynsham schools Christmas concert
W/C 9.12	FOSK Santa's giftshop
12.12	Little Gems Christmas songs at 2:45, further details to follow
13.12	FOSK Christmas Fair, 3:00-5:00pm
Monday 16.12	KS2 Carol Concert at 2:30 pm (tickets will be available)
Tuesday 17.12	Reception Nativity at 2:00 pm (tickets will be available)
Wednesday 18.12	Year 2 Nativity with Y1 as the choir at 2:00pm (tickets will be available)
Wednesday 18.12	KS2 Christmas crafts day
Thursday 19.12	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper/outfit day
Friday 20.12	Class parties (wear party clothes), finish at 3:15

There will be further communications about the events and tickets in due course.

New building:

As you can now see, the building works are progressing well and we expect the erection of the timber frame to be completed by Christmas.

In addition, as part of the planning requirements for the school expansion we have to complete a travel plan which details a number of sustainable travel initiatives. We will be sharing these over the course of the year. The predominant target is to encourage as many of you as possible to always walk/bike or scoot to school if possible. For those of you who have to drive, please can you remember to always turn off your engines whilst waiting.

Did you know that turning an engine off and restarting it after a minute or longer causes less pollution than keeping the engine idling and uses less fuel?

Thank you for your continued support of our school and please do catch me, send me a dojo message, or phone the school office to get in touch with me whenever. We aim to be an 'approachable' school so please contact us with any relevant information, concerns, ideas, positives, etc.

With best wishes,
Steve Gumm

