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Whole school half termly focus:

Pushing Ourselves and not giving up.

Whole school Christian Values for this half term:

Perseverance and Courage



**Dear Parents/Guardians - Bake-Off News:**

Well done and thank you for supporting our whole school Bake-Off. The cakes were amazing which made judging very difficult. Thank you to Mrs Jane Jeanes and Colonel Howard for joining us for the decision making. (Howard's letter to us is attached.)

So far, we have raised a fantastic **£260**.

This puts us well on our way to reaching our £900 target. Well done to Miss Cochrane for organising this whole school event and for leading our staff helpers on the day.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.



Congratulations to all of our winners, runners-up and participants. A special well done to our star baker - Hope, in Year 5. We loved the sweet surprise at we cut inside. *Hope's recipe will be on our first newsletter in 2019.*

To complete the Bake-Off fundraising, we are selling hot chocolate and a slice of our amazing 'ginger bread school' on Monday and Tuesday at break-time next week. **If you would like your child to enjoy this 10:30 treat, please send them in with £1 on each of the two days.**

**A HUGE thank you to Liz and Sammie!**

Thank you also for all your Mufti gifts today. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The staff have worked very hard today to ensure all craft items are ready for sale for next Friday.

*A very special welcome to Mrs Lickiss who is our new teaching assistant in Ladybird Class. Already, we are seeing a wonderful impact on school life.*



**Dragonfly Class News:**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Rebecca Connor will be covering Mrs McGinty's maternity leave which starts in January. Mrs Connor will be with us up to July so she will be seeing our children right through to the end of their Reception Year.

She starts her liaison meeting with Mrs McGinty and Mrs Howell next week so you may see her around. Dragonfly parents will be able to meet with Mrs Connor before the end of term. We will let you know the date once it is confirmed. *We wish Mrs McGinty many best wishes for the safe arrival of her daughter.*



**Thank you to parents:**

Firstly, a sincere thank you to Mrs Michelle Phillips for all her input to date with being our parent governor. Michelle has given up many hours of her own time to support the children and staff team here. On behalf of us all, we say a special thank you.

Thank you also to Mr Matthew Cochrane for taking over from Michelle. We look forward to welcoming Matthew formally at our next Governing Board Meeting in January.



Also - a sincere thank you to Mr Gabriel Swatzell for donating a new C-Touch screen to our school. Our current interactive board in Butterfly was not working so to receive a very kind gift of replacement is just fantastic. Gabriel has also given us the gift of his own time for installing the screen and also organising and financially supporting training. What a wonderful Christmas surprise for everyone.

My plan is to get one of these in each classroom when we can afford it as it's time to update this area of learning and skill level.

(Celebration assembly dates for parents are now on our website - see Parent Assemblies tab.)



**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> - Hot Christmas Dinner treat.**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> - WHOLE SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE** in our village church at 6pm.

Everyone welcome from all year groups. Songs and Nine Lessons sang and read by our KS2 pupils and the choir. Thomas, Ellie & Lauren will be playing our church organ - their first time.

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> - Clothing Bank Bin arrives;** more information via text next week.

**Thur 13<sup>th</sup> - Christmas treat day: PARTY FOOD PLATES (named please) to be sent in for each child. We are supplying the drinks on this day. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Raison (Sandra & Keith) for offering to buy our children a surprise dessert on this date.** Fun entertainer visiting all classes - balloon modelling, magic tricks and more. All children can wear their **Christmas jumpers** on this day with their school uniform. School show 1:45pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - After School Craft Fair** - come and buy our pupils' handmade gifts etc. **Choir** singing at Loose Ends in village hall. Come and join us if you are free. 11am start.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Year R + KS1 Nativity, Hey, Ewe! Miss Cochrane directing this.**  
**2pm and 6pm shows in the village hall.**  
(TICKETS ARE READY FOR COLLECTION FROM THE OFFICE.)

**Thur 20<sup>th</sup> - Class Christmas Parties** - teachers organising traditional games for their class - afternoon sessions. **Party clothes.**

**Thur 20<sup>th</sup> - PTFA Christmas Disco:** Yr R + KS1 from 5pm - 6pm; KS2 from 6:15pm - 7:15pm (See letter and tickets)

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> - Ladybird Class Swimming starts.** Miss Dennehy is teacher in charge for this. Ladybirds will eat their packed lunches in their classroom on swimming days to give them more time.

Previous 3 Weeks' Class  Dojo  
Winners

*Well done to all of our super learners:*

**Dragonflies:** Logan, Grace W, Isaac, Jake & Eddie

**Butterflies:** Courtney-Mae, Jessica, Aidan, Amelia, Finn, Ryan, Josie, Lily, Logan, Alfie & Ronnie

**Ladybirds:** Lacey, Louis F, Thomas, Frey G, Evie-Rae, Morgan, Charlie, Jameson & Chloe B

**Hedgehogs:** Lauren, Katie C, Luke, Shannaya, Ruby H, Scarlett, Caitlin WM, Saffron, Katie B, Megan & Henry

Previous 3 Weeks' Class Role Models 

**Dragonflies:** Isabel, Archie & Alfie

**Butterflies:** Amy C, Aidan & Amy C

**Ladybirds:** Harriet, Theo & Evie-Rae

**Hedgehogs:** Josh B, Luke & Josh H

*Excellent manners, attitude and effort in all areas of school life.*

 Golden Mile... 

*Well done to Hedgehog Class for testing out our Golden Path Trek with me this week. We are now ready to roll this out to all classes. 1mile/day for all children on the path at the village hall.*

*Thank you for your fabulous support again this term. It has been super. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy 2019. From all the staff and governors.*

 Mrs Shearer 