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2023 SCHOOL DIARY

STARS OF THE

WEEK

Savannah Barclay Rowan Aitchtracey Eden Dodds Mason Stobbart Dolcie Stewart Lilly Dickinson Hildi Wehr

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 92.5%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -99.3%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 97.7%

 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 93.7%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 95.7%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 86.0%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 89.6%

Well Done Seahorses & Turtles!



PUMPKIN COMPETITTION

By popular demand, we will be holding our annual pumpkin competition on Thursday 26th October. Entries should have your child's name and class written somewhere on them and will ideally have an electric tea light already inside it. Every entry will receive a small prize and our favourite pumpkin from each class will receive a prize when we announce these in assembly on the last day of term on Friday 27th October.

Entries should not be brought to school before Thursday 26th October please.

DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS

We've been really impressed with the lovely designs that the children have created for our Christmas card and gifts fundraiser. The deadline for returning these to school with payment is by the close of school on Monday 23rd October. We are not certain that we will be able to send forms off after this date. We expect to receive the cards and gifts back within 4 weeks. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their forms and helped raise funds for school.

PTA HALLOWEEN COLOURING COMPETITION

Please return any entries to school by the end of Wednesday 25th October. We will get these judged and announce the winning entries during next Friday's assembly.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS OPENING SOON

Parents of children in nursery **MUST** apply to the local authority to get a place for their child in Reception.
PLACES ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY ALLOCATED. Applications open HERE on November 1st.

READING AT HOME

We've had very positive feedback from KS1 parents about how well their children are doing with their reading and especially how they are using more expression. By the time books come home the children will have read them 3 times with an adult in school so have already become quite familiar with the book; this means that the children will be able to read the book more fluently, therefore having a better understanding of the book, leading to being able to read more expressively. Thanks to parents for all of the reading at home. It makes a difference!

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Bags2School Bags have been sent out this week ready for our first collection this year on **Thursday 9th November**. This is an ideal opportunity to have a clear out of any unused or unwanted clothes and help to raise some money for our PTA. **Due to lack of storage**



space in school we would really appreciate it if you could keep bags at home until the week of our collection. Other bags can be used if necessary.

Monday 23rd October	3.15pm Y4 Robinwood Parents' Meeting
Thursday 26th October	Pumpkin Competition Entries Deadline
Friday 27th October	Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
Friday 27th October	3.15pm—School closes for half term break
Thursday 9th November	Bags2School Collection
Mon 13th—Weds 15th November	Year 4 visit to Robinwood Activity Centre
Monday 13th November	3.15-5.00 Year 1 PTA Movie Night
Tuesday 14th November	3.15-5.00 Year 2 PTA Movie Night
Wednesday 15th November	3.15-5.00 Year 3 PTA Movie Night
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day— Spotty Theme
Wednesday 22nd November	3.15-5.00 Year 4 PTA Movie Night
Thursday 30th November	9.00am Christingle Assembly
Thursday 30th November	3.15pm Christmas Fair and Craft Night
Tuesday 5th December	R-Y4 Children—Christmas

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-24 and 2024-25 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE HERE.

Carol Pantomime (in school)

ROBINWOOD MEETING

Parents of Year 4 children are reminded that we will be holding a meeting after school on Monday 23rd October to give you a final update about our upcoming visit to Robinwood after half term. Please try to attend this meeting as there will be an opportunity to ask any questions and give us more detailed information about medications.

PARENT VISITS TO CLASSROOMS

We are expecting a very busy assembly next Friday as we will be announcing winners of the pumpkin and colouring competitions as well as giving parents a chance to go back to classrooms to look through books with the children. As usual, if you have more than one child in school, please collect them from their classes and take them along to the hall or library to go through books. The last assembly of every half term is always very busy indeed so please be patient as there is likely to be standing room only. We would also like to remind parents to take any noisy toddlers out of the hall during assemblies as well as not having conversations amongst yourselves. This allows everyone to hear what is going on.

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