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Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to a new half term.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us with our enhanced Covid measures i.e. testing at the start of the week and mask wearing if entering the school offices—we are very grateful for your support.

Over the last half term we introduced a new scheme to teach the children phonics, which is how they learn to read sounds and then words. On the second page we have provided an update on how this is progressing for our infant children. It is so important that we get this foundation right to ensure that the children can be effective readers and they can access the world around them and their learning throughout their life.

As mentioned on Dojo we have a new Assistant Site Supervisor currently on a 4 week swop. It has been a pleasure this week to meet Alan Jeffries and I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming him to our community.

Please note the advance warning of our in-year training day which we will be taking on **Friday 18th February** to continue developing our school curriculum. This is part of the 5 days allocated to staff training during the year.

Next week we have our 'Shopping Night' on **Thursday from 6 to 8.30pm** in the Junior hall. This has always been a popular opportunity to purchase Christmas presents or treat yourself! There is a licensed bar if you fancy a glass of Prosecco whilst you are browsing the stalls. We look forward to seeing you.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Coughlin*  
*Head Teacher*



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### Training Day

We will be taking a training day on  
**Friday 18th February**

(Friday before we break up for half term)

### PTA News

#### AGM

**Wednesday 17th November**

**Prosecco and Presents Night**

**Thursday 11th November**

**6-8.30pm**

I am thrilled to advise that we have 29 stall holders for this event, so the opportunity is there for a bumper shopping evening with a licensed Prosecco bar too.

I can't wait!

### Car park

Please do not park on the yellow lines on the car park.

We have had parents parking across the zebra crossing in recent days making it really dangerous for the children to cross over with no sight lines for them or oncoming cars.

### Children in Need—Friday 19th November

MUFTI day—mismatched clothes £1 donation.

## Little Wandle Update

We are really delighted with the progress the children are making in their phonics using our new scheme, Little Wandle Revised Letters and Sounds and it is great to hear you are seeing their progress at home as well!

Our Reception children are making great progress learning the first phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (letters).

Our Year 1 children are brilliant at spotting digraphs (two letters/one sound and trigraphs/three letters/one sound) in words and segmenting and blending them to read and write.

Year 2 are working on 'growing the code'. This means they can recognise the alternative spellings for different sounds (phonemes) and make increasingly accurate choices when reading and writing.

Through the changes in reading sessions we are seeing a great improvement in focus and independence. You will be able to enjoy this success with your child shortly as we have recently ordered almost £5,000 of new book stock to allow the children to bring home the same book they are reading at school to share with you over the weekend.

Mrs Walters is putting together a parent information session which will be shared with you shortly via ClassDojo. She will also be running specialised sessions for parents interested in helping in school with our 'reading squads' in the Infants. Please see or message Mrs Walters via ClassDojo or let your child's teacher know if you are interested in helping.



Diary Dates



**ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Nov	Dec	
19th	Children in Need—Mufti Day	
	14th	Reception and Year 4 Christmas Parties
	15th	Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Parties
	16th	Year 5 Christmas Party
	17th	Christmas Carol Service
		Year 6 Party—date to be confirmed
	22nd	Break up 1pm—NO BUSES