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Dear Parents/Carers

It seems amazing that we will soon be in December! As a reminder, please see detailed below the key dates for the month. Please note that there has been a change to the date of the dress rehearsal for Early Years.

4 th	KS1/KS2 Decoration Morning at 9:00am
5 th	Early Years Decoration Morning at 9:00am
8 th	Dress Rehearsal for Early Years Performance at 9:00am Dress Rehearsal for KS1 Performance at 10:15am
9 th	KS1 Performance at 9:30am
10 th	KS1 Performance at 9:30am
11 th	Early Years Performance at 9:30am
12 th	Christmas Lunch
19 th	Musical Celebration at 9:30am End of Term – 2:15pm

Christmas Performances: We are pleased to inform you that Early Years Foundation Stage will be performing a range of Christmas songs entitled 'It's Christmas'. Key Stage 1 will be performing the play 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'. I know that, as always, that the rest of the school will enjoy watching the dress rehearsals. Please note that to ensure that those children performing are not distracted, and to allow the entire audience to fully appreciate the productions, pre-school children are not to attend and children will not be permitted to sit on adults' laps. We do hope that you will enjoy the performances and appreciate the amazing effort that the children put into their acting, singing and dancing. I am sure that the productions will be very memorable!

Online Safety Newsletter: The HFL Education termly online safety newsletters feature a range of guidance, news, links and updates about online safety, with particular reference to recent developments and concerns. This autumn term edition includes reviews and details about:

- Keeping Children safe online: Changes to the online safety act explained
- Supporting your teen on social media
- App safety settings
- Talk checklist: practical tips for parents
- Pinterest privacy and safety settings
- Fall guys parental controls

I hope that you find it to be helpful and informative.

Pupil Attendance: As previously communicated, school attendance laws changed last year and a national approach has been rolled out. As a result, our Attendance Policy was updated. As I am sure you appreciate, we have a legal duty to adhere to the new regulations. If we have concerns surrounding your child's attendance, including late arrivals, we will contact you to explore how we can work in partnership to support, liaising with the Hertfordshire Local Authority Attendance Officer as needed.

Please remember that it is vital that your child arrives at school on time. Lateness causes disruption to the learning of the child arriving late, as well as his/her classmates.

Friends of Mandeville PTA: Please see the following message from the PTA: "We are thrilled to let you know that we have raised £139 for the PTA through our commission with Stikins name labels. We have

raised £73 from the affiliate website Easy Fundraising. Finally, the autumn disco raised £1052! This is in addition to the £76 raised at the last tuck shop which will run again this Friday."

As you will be aware, the PTA are very busy organising the 'Mandeville Christmas Spectacular', which takes place on Friday 28th November from 5-7pm. A huge thank you to you all for your help and to the dedicated members of the PTA, who are doing their utmost to provide the children with a fun and festive experience.

Children in Need: Thank you for your support with last week's Children in Need event, which was promoted by the Mandeville Action Takers. We raised £207.60 and this money will go towards changing the lives of children in the UK.

Travel Safety: Please see the reminder below to 'Be Bright Be Seen' this winter.

Be Bright Be Seen!

The darker nights and declining weather of autumn and winter are upon us. This leads to a reduction in visibility for drivers and pedestrians and children become more vulnerable near roads. It's really important that that we all remember to 'Be Bright Be Seen'!

Pedestrians...

- Wear bright/fluorescent and reflective clothing to help you be seen by drivers
- Walk in well-lit areas
- Cross the road using safer crossing places (eg a zebra crossing or traffic lights) where possible

Drivers..

- Make sure all of your lights are working
- Ensure windows and mirrors are clean and clear
- Reduce your speed if visibility is poor

View And Comment On Proposed Walking, Wheeling And Cycling Improvements In

Sawbridgeworth: Hertfordshire County Council and East Herts District Council aim to make it easier, safer and more enjoyable for people to walk, wheel and cycle. There is a large map of proposed improvements in the Sawbridgeworth area on display in the noticeboard near the main playground entrance. Improvements include new crossing points and walking/cycling routes. These improvements are part of a ten-year plan for East Herts called the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). Many factors will be considered when deciding which projects to fund and build and public support will play an important role in these decisions. Please come and view the proposals! If you would like to support or comment on the plan, please email: eastherts.lcwip@hertfordshire.gov.uk

A polite reminder that Monday 24th November is an Occasional Day and so the school will be closed.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

Miss Kara Hales
Headteacher

