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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an excellent half-term break and you, and your children, are ready for another action-packed half term! If you are anything like the Lawford family, there is a definite need to sit and plan carefully everything that is happening over the course of a term and the Christmas run-in always makes things even busier. So, this is a one for a cup of tea and your wall calendar as it contains lots of key information, events and updates.

### Attendance Updates

Over the next week, the office team will be sending the first of our half-termly attendance updates. This is very much an automated process that summarises the Autumn One attendance. We want to continue to encourage excellent attendance for all children and, where attendance is a concern, we will monitor more closely. The first half-terms data is always skewed by one bout of illness, but the automated attendance reviews are part of the school showing it is doing everything possible to maximise school participation. If you are unsure whether to send your child to school, please give the office a ring and they can give some further guidance.

### Clubs Update

It is fantastic to see so many children taking part in clubs this term, both at lunchtime and after-school. There are a number of spaces still available for Year 1 – 4 children. With the winter months rolling in, after-school football will also take place in the hall when it is too cold or wet to take place outside with children taking part in the football variation Futsal. Booking for clubs with the exception of Tennis, is via Arbor with a full list available below.



[Autumn 2 Clubs List](#)



### Upcoming Events for Your Diary

#### 11<sup>th</sup> November (09.00 – 09.30) Community Remembrance Service

This week, all the children will play their part in creating our wonderful Remembrance display which will form part of our Remembrance service. This is a community event and we would love you to join our service and lay your own poppy (we'll hopefully have plenty of spares). The service will start at 09.00 in the main hall and you are welcome to come and find a seat as soon as drop off finishes.

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### **12<sup>th</sup> November (All Day) Odd Sock Day**

As part of our engagement in Anti-bullying week, we are inviting all children to come into school wearing odd-socks. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! [Find out more here.](#)

### **15<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Shoebox Appeal Deadline**

If you have been putting together a Shoebox for our 2024 Shoebox appeal, the 15<sup>th</sup> November is the deadline to bring it into school. If you want to find out more the letter from Miss Robert's gives all the key details.



[Christmas Shoebox Letter](#)

### **15<sup>th</sup> November (All Day) Children in Need Mufti Day and Bake Sale (15.00 – 15.30)**

We will once again be supporting Children in Need with both a non-uniform and cake sale. Children can come to school wearing mufti for the day, the dottier the better. After school, the school council will be hosting our first bake sale of the year. If you are able to support us by baking or buying some cakes, that would be amazing. Please bring them in on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>

### **15<sup>th</sup> November (16.30 – 18.15) PFA Movie Night**

In what is turning out to be a busy day, the PFA will be hosting a fantastic fundraising opportunity. For all the details about how to book tickets, take a look at the flyer below.



[PFA Flyer](#)

### **29<sup>th</sup> November – PFA Mufti Day (Bottles)**

There will no doubt be more details to follow

### **4<sup>th</sup> December (14.30) Owl's Parent Share**

Owls have been working hard learning the Ukulele as part of their music learning this term and in collaboration with Dorset Music Hub. We would love to invite all Owl's parents and carers to join their music performance in the school hall. (Gates will open at 14.20).

### **5<sup>th</sup> December (14.30) Hedgehog's Parent Share**

Hedgehog's class will be learning all about puppets as part of their design learning. I hear they might even be using them to put on a little festive show. We would love Hedgehog parents and carers to join them to celebrate their learning. (Gates will open 14.20)

### **7<sup>th</sup> December (13.30 – 16.30) PFA Christmas Fair**

Featuring performances from our School Choir and so much more, please add this afternoon to your diary. There will be lots more information to follow via the PFA channels.

### **15<sup>th</sup> December (14.00 – 16.00) St James' Choir Performing at Holt Village Hall Jingle and Mingle**

You've read the date correctly (and well done for making it this far!) it is a Sunday. The St James' School Choir will be performing at Holt Village Hall as part of a joint fundraising venture. If your child has signed up to be part of the choir, please pop this date in your diary. If you live in the villages and want to come and support the Village Hall and the School, please come along for an afternoon of festivities.

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**19<sup>th</sup> December (09.30 – 10.30) Christmas Nativity at Hinton Martell**

Christmas is fast approaching and Foxes Class will soon be busy preparing for this year's Christmas Nativity. This year we will be performing 'Busy Busy Bethlehem.' This will take place at Hinton Martell Church on Thursday 19th December at 09.30 and we would love the whole community to come and join us. I'll write with more details later in the month, but for now, save the date.

**20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day**

By the end of term, I imagine we'll all be ready for the Christmas break. We will be having a fun filled Christmas end to the term and celebrating together as a school. Children are invited to come to school wearing their festive frocks and Christmas jumpers.

Kind regards,



Mr Lawford

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