



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates For Your Diary:

#### **Monday 13th November**

Odd Socks Day

#### **Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th November**

Parents Evening

#### **Wednesday 15th November**

Juniors Football Tournament

#### **Friday 17th November**

Children in Need—wear something spotty

#### **Monday 27th November**

Year 6 Guitar Concert

#### **Thursday 30th November**

Year 2 Recorder Concert

#### **Wednesday 6th December**

Year 4 Brass Concert

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### PTFA Corner

We are busy planning our very exciting Christmas Fair and we can guarantee, it will be an event not to miss!

One of the many events at the fair will be the ever popular tombola. This year, we are holding a 'Teddy Tombola'

Do you have a bear that misses cuddles because your children have demoted them over the years? If so and they are still in good condition, please bring them to the office.

An opportunity for a clear out and to make another child very happy. Unless you win it back of course!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th November, 7.30pm at the social club. We would love to see lots of you there if you can make it.

### Road Safety & Parking

You will have seen from our text yesterday, that a school coach was stuck on Broad Street due to parking. The road narrows significantly just after the park and when vehicles park on this section, it causes a blockage.

Every week, we have a coaches that need to get through as our junior classes go swimming. On a more serious note though, if we or any residents of Middleyard & Selsley needed a fire engine, they would also not be able to get through.

We have also been advised that one day this week, there were cars parked over the yellow zig zag lines and opposite crossings. The lines and highway rules exist to keep you and your children safe when crossing the road. With darker mornings and evenings fast approaching, it is more important than ever to ensure that our children have a clear line of sight.

If you do need to drive to school (and we appreciate that this is the case for many) please use the village car parks. If you do park on the road, please stick to the wider parts and ensure you are not obstructing the areas where the children cross.

### School Uniform

As the nights draw in and the temperature drops, please can we ensure that all children come to school with a named coat.

Girls skirts and pinafores should be knee length please. Ideally given the colder temperatures girls should be in black or grey tights. We do understand that some children prefer long socks to tights and this is fine.

A reminder that everything should be named including hats & gloves. We already have a few solo gloves in lost property searching for their partner already!

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## Year 5 SkillZONE Trip

Our Y5's spent Tuesday afternoon at SkillZONE which is an interactive life skills village. They have 15 zones set up in various scenarios to educate the children about making safe choices.

The scenarios they looked at were:

- Water
- Rail
- Park
- Shop
- House
- Internet

The experience was a real hit with the children and the volunteers made it very relatable for them.



## A HUGE Thank You

We would like to say thank you to each and every one of you that has donated to our 'Reverse Christmas' appeal so far.

With another week to go, it is looking increasingly likely that we will need to borrow another trolley!

If you haven't seen the calendar, there are copies in the office reception.

## Value Certificates

### Reception

**Josh** has shown the value resilience for being really brave when having his flu spray.

**Atlas** for being a wonderful reader and working really hard to learn his sounds.

### Year 1

**Dylan** has shown the value responsibility for working towards his target.

**Martha** for being a wonderful geographer for her beautiful map of the school grounds.

### Year 2

**Arthur** for being a wonderful writer and showing responsibility to work quickly when writing his biography on Florence Nightingale.

**Alex** has shown the value responsibility for trying really hard to follow all instructions and work to the best of his ability.

### Year 3

**Evie H** has shown the value respect when always helping adults and her classmates.

**Percy** for being a great geographer when completing an informative booklet about volcanoes.

### Year 4

**Charlie D** for being a wonderful writer giving maximum effort and using broad vocabulary.

**Marta** has shown the value resilience when completing her one minute reading in science.

### Year 5

**Grace** for showing the value respect by always being kind and polite in the classroom.

**Hannah** for being a wonderful sportsperson and showing courage and resilience at the girls football tournament.

### Year 6

**Freddie** for showing the value responsibility always being ready to learn and trying his best.

**Dan** for being a wonderful historian taking pride in his work and producing some fantastic writing in our Maya cross-curricular write.

