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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half term of the Autumn term. This half term is always a busy one with lots of events to look forward to.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our first Get-teagether at the end of last halfterm. It was great to see so many of you. We are planning further opportunities for a 'Get-teagether' so watch this space for details.

Teacher Catch-up sessions

We are holding Teacher Catch-up sessions week beginning **20th November**. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and to look at your child's workbooks. Please see details on Parent Pay and Classdojo for timings and a link for making an appointment.

Eco-committee activities

In the Summer term our current Year 4 children made insect hotels and bird boxes from Lyreco's waste wood. We kept some to use on our school site, including in the Nursery Garden, the King's Patch and in the outdoor area outside Base 15.

On Monday, Eco-committee handed over the remaining bird boxes and insect hotels to Lyreco. These will now go to Lyreco distribution sites all over the country, where they will provide homes for insects and birds. The boxes will help to support biodiversity, particularly in areas where trees and other habitats are threatened. The children were excited to see the Lyreco electric van that came to collect them on Monday.

Loose Parts Play

The children are enjoying playing with the loose parts play, particularly the carpet tubes, tyres, crates and old suitcases, however we could do with some more equipment. If you have any of the following, we would be grateful for any donations:

Plastic crates, guttering, funnels, baskets, tyres, planks, tarpaulin, old suitcases, old carpet tubes.

Hall of Fame

We would like to make a display in school which celebrates past pupils and their achievements. If you know of a past pupil (older sibling/family member/even you!) who we can celebrate then please send me via ClassDojo, a photo if possible, and a short paragraph to explain their achievement.

Key dates for the Autumn term

Sunday 12 th November	Choir and a group of Year 6s representing the school at the Remembrance service in Southwater.
Monday 13 th November	Celebrating World Kindness Day
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
WB Monday 20 th November	Teacher Catch Up sessions.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Parents Phonics Workshop Year 1 and Reception - 9:00- 10:30
Wednesday 29 th November	Reception children singing at Chit Chat Club
Thursday 7 th December	Experience Christmas at Telford Minster Y4 - 9:30-11:00, Y6 - 10:30-12:00
Monday 1 st December	Christmas Bingo
Monday 11th December	Reception Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12 th December	Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance
	Y5 Experience Christmas at Telford Minster 10:30-12:00
Wednesday 13 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 14 th December	Y3 Experience Christmas at Telford Minster - 9:30-11:00
Thursday 14 th December	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Monday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 20 th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Osborne Headteacher