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Dear Parents

Children in Need

A fantastic £91 was raised from our non-uniform day for this year's Children in Need appeal. Thank you for your support, Children in Need is able to make a real difference to the lives of children all across the UK.

Term Dates 2015 – 2016

There is a proposal from the Harborough group of schools that two of the flexible Teacher Days be placed at the beginning of the Autumn Term. This would mean that the children would return to school on Tuesday 1st September after the Summer Holidays. The other Teacher Day would be on Monday 26th October. I will ask the governors to approve these dates at their next meeting on 26th November.

Sports Leaders/Playtime Buddies

Children in Year 5 and 6 have organised themselves into pairs to arrange playtime and lunchtime activities for the younger children.

Access to Staff

A number of staff live in the community where you live. Please respect their right to a life out of school therefore do not ask them about goings on in school unless they are in school.

Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday 18th December. The normal charge of £2.10 will apply for this meal for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – payable in advance. Please complete the slip below and return to school by Friday 28th November. Please return the slip even if you do NOT wish your child to have Christmas Dinner.

The menu will be: *Roast Turkey, Bacon & Chipolata Roll, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy or Cheesy Courgette Festive Bake with Roast & Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Carrots & Brussel Sprouts.* For pudding: *Plum Pudding & Custard or Chocolate Brownie & Custard.*

Out of School Learning

We have purchased access to the following website for the children to use at home:

Espresso <https://online.espresso.co.uk> – Pupil username: **student19685** Pupil password: **Foxton**

Children in Year 5 and 6 also have logins to the website <http://www.sumdog.com> I have a copy of all the logins and passwords, if needed.

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Christmas Dinner – Thursday 18th December
(To be returned by Friday 28th November)

Name:

My child **WILL** be having Christmas Dinner

My child **WILL NOT** be having Christmas Dinner

My child would like the VEGETARIAN option

Cross Country

It was great to see Foxtton represented so well at last week's cross country race on the fields behind Harborough Leisure Centre. The next race is on Thursday 5th February 2015.

Foxtton Christmas Fair

The Foxtton Village Christmas Fair is taking place on Saturday 6th December at the Robert Monk Hall. Our recorder group will be playing from 11.45am.

'Health for Kids' Website

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust school nurses have launched a new website: www.healthforkids.co.uk. The website content is presented through four themed worlds helping children to explore – Staying Healthy, Feelings, Illness and Getting Help. There is also a separate section for parents to provide further advice. Each of the children has been given a bookmark with the website address to promote the website.

Achievement Assembly

On Friday 28th November family and friends are invited to our Achievement Assembly starting at 2.45pm, refreshments available from 2.25pm. The Monthly Class Achievement Cups will be presented for P.E. Finally, don't forget the cake raffle – 50p a ticket.

Year 3 and 4 Production

A date for your diaries! Children in Year 3 and 4 will be performing a 'Play in a Day' titled Vikings on Friday 20th March starting at approximately 2.45pm.

E-Mails

I have e-mailed a guide to the new National Curriculum and information from answers to frequently asked questions from the Robert Smyth Academy about their age range change. If you didn't receive these documents please give Mrs Raymakers details of your e-mail address so she can update our system. Alternatively, we can print paper copies for you.

School Trips

All classes have been on trips this term. The Fox Cubs had a fun visit to the West Lodge Rural Centre. Years 1 and 2 have visited three different farms to get information for their farming topic. Years 3 and 4 have been into Leicester to the Golden Mile to see inside the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir and have a delicious meal at Bobbi's restaurant. Years 5 and 6 have visited Stratford as part of their topic on the Tudors. I am very pleased to report that the behaviour of the children was exemplary on all trips and was highlighted to the trip leaders.

Madrid Meeting

Mrs Frow has arranged a meeting for parents and children who are to attend the Madrid residential on Wednesday 19th November at 3.30pm.

Ebola Virus

Public Health England, in conjunction with the Department for Education, has produced the following advice for schools to ensure people are properly informed about the Ebola virus:

The risk of Ebola arriving in the UK is low and to date there have been no cases of Ebola Virus Disease being contracted in the UK.

Any person arriving in the UK having travelled from any Ebola affected countries will be screened. If they are free of symptoms they are not infectious so there should be no restrictions on their school attendance or normal activities.

It is not possible to catch Ebola from a person who is not showing signs of being infected. It can only be caught by direct contact with the blood or body fluids of a person who is ill with the disease.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school or their early years setting as normal.

Yours sincerely

P Clark