Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school for the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope you have had a lovely holiday. As usual we have a busy and exciting curriculum planned for the children, including involvement for parents. We do hope you will be able to join us for special assemblies and some of the extra activities we have prepared.

**Mrs Bell**

Unfortunately Mrs Bell had an accident during half term. She has broken her shoulder, arm and torn the muscles in her neck. As you can imagine she is in considerable pain and will not be back at school for several weeks. I am sure you will join us in wishing her well and for a speedy recovery.

Because of this Forest Schools club, held on Mondays is cancelled until Mrs Bell’s return.

**Miss Horne** will work in year 2 to cover this absence. As she has taught this class before she knows the children well and so the transition will be seamless.

**After School Clubs**

After School Clubs will continue as normal until the end of November. They will stop then until after Christmas, as there are lots of other activities going on.

**National Film Week**

National film Week takes place from 11th November. During this week the children are invited to go and see different films for free. We still have to pay for the transport, but this is a really good chance for the children to have a shared, educational experience at very little cost. The selected films are as follows:

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| **Date** | **Title** | **Class** |
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| 11.11.2016 | Gnomeo and Juliet | 5 |
| 15.11.2016 | Capture the Flag | 2 |
| 17.11.2016 | The Good Dinosaur | 3 and 4 |
| 18.11.2016 | Miniscule Valley of the Lost Ants | R and 1 |
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There are no suitable films for year 6 available, but they will more than make up for this with the opportunities they will have in London.

**Remembrance Day 2016**

Please join us outside school in front of the War Memorial for this year’s Remembrance Service. This will take place at 10.50 on Friday 11th November. If it is raining the service will move to the hall.

All the children will take part with singing, prayers and the two minutes silence at 11.00am.

Poppies will be for sale in school from tomorrow.

**Boxes of Hope**

We are collecting Christmas shoeboxes again to be sent to children living in extreme poverty in Eastern Europe. Instructions for what to put in the boxes and how to wrap them are attached to this letter. “Boxes of Hope” is a Cumbrian Charity. The volunteers deliver the boxes themselves and then send schools photographs of the actual children receiving our boxes in places like Romania.

Please help us support this and send your boxes into school by Monday 14th November. If you don’t want to do a full shoe box, but would like to donate a few items, please just send them in and we will combine them with other items in our “open boxes”. We have extra leaflets about the scheme in school if yours has been mislaid.

**Non-uniform Day – Monday 28th November**

Each year we hold a very special Christmas non-uniform day. All the children are allowed to come to school in Christmassy or brightly coloured clothes – the payment for this privilege is the donation of some kind of chocolate that will be used as part of “The chocolate tombola” at the Christmas Fair.

**Christmas Fair**

This will take place on Thursday 1st December at 3.15 in the school hall and some classrooms. More details to follow.

**Christmas Bauble Workshops**

We have organised a specialist company to come into school on Friday 2nd December to make special baubles with the children to decorate their Christmas trees. If any parents would like to come in to help with these workshops please pop into school or call the office to find out the timings.

**Nativity Plays**

These will take place on 8th and 9th December. The nativity play is performed by children in Reception, years 1 and 2.

8th December – 5.00pm

9th December – 2.00pm

**Christmas Lunch**

Christmas Lunch for the children will take place on Thursday 8th December. Booking forms for this will be sent home nearer to the time.

**Pantomime**

One of the traditions we have at Roose School is that we all go to the pantomime together before Christmas. This is a great team building and sharing experience. This year we are going to watch and join in with “Peter Pan” at The Forum in Barrow. This has been booked for Tuesday 13th December. The cost for the pantomime and travel (subsidised) will be £13.10 per child.

This will be the only pre-Christmas visit outside school this year.

**Jewellery in school**

Please can all parents remember that jewellery is **not allowed** in school. This is primarily for the children’s safety. The only exception to this is a pair of plain stud earrings for children who have pierced ears. However these should be removed for PE as soon as the six week limit for new piercings is over.

Please can parents ensure that children who have pierced ears in years 1, 2 and 3 can take their earrings out for PE. Alternatively please could they leave earrings at home on PE days? The Local Authority is very strict about this rule and we do not want children to miss out on sporting opportunities because of earrings.

**Medical conditions**

Please keep us up-to-date about all medical conditions. We also need to know about food and nut allergies, so that we can keep all the children as safe as possible. Please remember to make sure your child has a spare inhaler in school if they are asthmatic.

Yours sincerely

Wendy R Jacobs

Headteacher

**Dates for the Diary**

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| Date | Event | Years | Timings |
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| 31.10 – 04.11.16 | Children’s book week | All | Various |
| 03.11.2016 | Coffee Club | 6 | 9.30am |
|  | PTA Meeting | parents | 2.30pm |
| 07.11.2016 | Bright Sparks Workshop | 6 | All day |
| 11.11.2016 | Remembrance Service | All | 10.50am |
| 14.11 – 18.11 2016 | Anti-bullying week | All | Various |
| 18.11.2016 | Children in need Day | All | All day |
| 24.11.2016 | Music Concerts | All | Morning |
| 25.11.2016 | NSPCC talks | 5 / 6 | All day |
| 28.11.2016 | Christmas dress-up Day | All | All day |
| 01.12.2016 | Christmas Fair | All | 3.15pm |
| 02.12.2016 | Special Christmas workshop | All | Various |
| 08.12.2016 | Children’s Christmas Lunch | All | Lunchtime |
|  | Nativity Play | R – 2 | 5.00pm |
| 09.12.2016 | Nativity Play | R – 2 | 2.00pm |
| 13.12.2016 | Pantomime at The Forum | All | Afternoon |
|  | Infant’s party | R – 2 | Morning |
| 14.12.2016 | Party for y3 and 4 | 3 / 4 | Afternoon |
| 15.12.2016 | Party for y5 and 6 | 5 / 6 | Afternoon |
| 16.12.2016 | Christingle Service | All | 9.15am |
|  | Term ends | All | 2.00pm |

**Term ends at 2.00pm on Friday 16thDecember 2016**

Spring Term starts on Thursday 5th January 2017