Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our next action packed half term!

**Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week is anti-bullying week and this year's theme is 'all different, all equal'. The children will be finding out more during the week's assemblies, and will be thinking further about the theme during their class philosophy session on Thursday, which is also in support of World Philosophy Day.

**Music – Mrs Csorba**

I felt it was important to tell you all about the email I received about Mrs Csorba from Mr Ian Naylor who is the Head of Music Education for Sheffield. It said, ‘*Sheffield Music Hub would like to formally congratulate you (Mrs Csorba) on your exceptional personal contribution to music education in your school.* *To thank you we are awarding Mosborough Primary School with exclusive schools membership from Music Mark, our National Association for Music Education. Every year in Sheffield we only nominate a small selection of schools and thanks to the dedicated work of school leaders and colleagues like yourself you are one of 11 schools this year.’*

I am certain you will join with me in congratulating Mrs Csorba on her award, which is very well-deserved. If I could also suggest, should you see Mrs Csorba around school, a small bow or courtsey would be appropriate!

On a serious note, I have to commend Mrs Csorba on the work she is doing and fantastic progress our pupils have made musically, as a consequence.

**Parent Governor Elections**

You should all have received information on Tuesday about our need for an additional Parent Governor. I cannot stress the importance of this role within supporting the school and helping to plan the strategic direction the school needs to take in order to continue to improve. The closing date for nominations is 17th November. Should you require any further information about the role please pop into to the office and speak to either myself or Claire Baker.

**Food Bank Friday**

As you may already be aware there is a food bank in the S20 area. This is the work of a variety of community and faith organisations that have come together to provide food parcels and advice to those who live in the S20 area who are in need of emergency food. We would like to continue to support this cause and have arranged three collection dates, the first being Friday 17 November 2017. Followed by Friday 2 March and Friday 15 June 2018.

We would like to ask you to support us in the first of these events by donating an item from the list given on the back of this letter. Donations must be indicate and can be handed in throughout the week to your child’s class teacher and then they will be collected on Friday 17 November 2017.

If you know someone who needs help then referral details are available through school. Please speak to Mrs Anne Clarke.

**Diary Dates**

Please find attached a copy of the revised diary dates. You will notice that we have added some more trips for some year groups and made a couple of alterations that I would wish to draw your attention to.

**Children in Need**

You should have all had a letter about this.

**Christmas Productions**

Christmas is on the way! Foundation and Key Stage 1 children are now beginning to think and prepare for their concerts. You will soon get information about ticket allocations and timings etc.

**Sparkle and Shine Assembly and Christmas Jumper Day**

We are running our annual outdoor carol concert for parents and grandparents on the final day of term. It is a wonderful event and given an even greater Christmas feel because we combine it with the ‘Save the Children- Christmas Jumper Day’. We will provide more information about this as the event draws closer.

**Junior Performances**

In the new year, the juniors will begin their performances. This starts with Y3/4 in Spring. In the summer we traditionally provide a Y5/6 performance however this year; due to artistic differences the teams are splitting! Y5 are planning to deliver their own show in May (dates to be confirmed) with Y6 following in June (see diary dates).

**KS2 Sports’ Day**

Please note I have changed the date of the KS2 Sports’ Day to allow for the Y6 Leavers’ Assembly.

**Residentials**

You will have noticed that Y2 and Y6 are running residentials this year to Sneaton Castle and Mount Cook respectively.

**Mount Cook**

For Y6 this is a new venue we will be using this year. I have visited it and was very impressed by their facilities and what they are offering the children. We will be holding a meeting on 30th November at 3.15 parents. If you are unable to make that date we will be able to provide you with information closer to this date.

**MPG**

I have been asked by MPG to include the following message about the forthcoming Christmas Fair.

It’s now less than two weeks until our Christmas Fair which is on Thursday 23rd November. The fair runs from straight after school until 5pm. We have a variety of stalls confirmed including Temple spa, Usborne books, Fairy Doors, Lego earrings, Christmas crafts, cards and gifts. Children can make Christmas crafts at our craft table and get a sparkly glitter tattoo! Ruth Dawson is kindly running the school uniform stall again which gives you the chance to pick up free good quality school uniform items. We will be selling hot and cold drinks, this year with the addition of mulled wine to get you in the festive spirit and will have hot dogs, cakes, buns and biscuits on sale.

In order to make the Christmas Fair a success we do need your help! We are asking for help in the following ways. Please bring any good quality unwanted to school uniform to the office so that we can find it a new home. We are collecting items to make a Christmas hamper which will be raffled off at the fair. Please bring any festive gifts, toys, or food/drink items which can be put into a hamper to the office before the day of the fair (please make sure that any food or drink has a BBE date of after 23/11/17). We welcome donations of cakes, buns and biscuits to sell at the fair. These can be left at the school office in the week of the fair.

Finally, we still need a few extra volunteers to help run all the fantastic stalls we have planned. If you are able to help on a stall during the fair, please get in touch with Anna White on 07584375452.

I hope parents are able to support the MPG, they have already raised £2500 this year alone, which is incredible.

Kind Regards

Martin Fallon