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Dear Parents and Carers,

A HUGE "thank you" to all of the grandparents and visitors who came on Friday afternoon for the Grandparents' Assembly, I am sorry it was so squashed in the hall – but your generous donations made an enormous £465 for the FSA, which will be used for the children's Christmas party.

FSA News

Disco:
The Halloween Discos for Y1 and Y2 are tomorrow! Tickets can be purchased with cash or card from the School Office.
Bramley Apple Parade:
The FSA will be serving hot drinks and sweet treats from 9am outside Blue/Violet Room while you wait for the Bramley Apple parade. Cash or card payments accepted.
Quiz:
Save the date! On Friday, 13 November, the FSA are hosting quiz night at "The Wheatsheaf", King Street, Southwell. Further details to follow.
Christmas Card Project:
The children will bring home a template today which they can use to design their own Christmas cards and other themed gifts. There is some guidance with the template on how to create the designs – please read this carefully. We need all designs returned by **Friday, 6 November** (the first Friday after half term)

Bramley Apple Day – Friday, 16 October

Remember it's "Bramley Apple Day" on Friday, and we would like the children to come to school in 'apple themed' fancy dress!
We will parade around school at about 9.15am so that parents and carers can admire all of the creations, so please feel free to wait on the playground after drop-off – the FSA will be serving hot drinks and sweet treats!
There will be a prize for the best fancy-dress outfit in each class, and the Bramley King and Queen will be chosen from those prize-winners.
The town's Bramley Apple Festival is on Saturday, 24 October – it's well worth a visit!

Violet and Orange Rooms Cubes & Stars in the Jar Award

I am delighted to tell you that both Violet and Orange Rooms have won all of their cubes or stars in the jar for wonderful work and brilliant behaviour!
For their treat both classes have decided to have a "choosing afternoon" on Friday, (the last day of half term). Parents and carers do not need to send anything in for the "choosing afternoon".

Newark Advertiser "First Class Photo"

The Newark Advertiser were in school earlier this term, to take photographs of our F2 children (Rainbow and Yellow Rooms) for their "First Class Picture Special", the photographs will be in next week's paper (Thursday, 22 October).

Scarecrow at Maxey's Farm Shop

A reminder that we have entered the Scarecrow competiton at Maxey's Farm Shop. Our "Bumblebee Scarecrow" will be in the pumpkin field at Maxey's – so please go and have a look if you are visiting the shop or picking a pumpkin, and please don't forget to vote for us!



Christmas Jumpers

Several schools in MITRE Trust are engaged with the "Global Neighbours Project". As part of this work they are holding a stall at the Late-Night shopping Event selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers/tops/dresses.

If parents and carers have any jumpers or tops to donate please could they be handed in to the School Office before Thursday 26th thank you.

AI in MITRE schools

As you will be aware, AI in education is very much in the news at the moment. MITRE Trust have produced a guide for parents and carers on the use of AI in our schools. Please click on the link below to watch the guide:

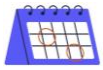
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SlCq7a7EO0



Staffing News

At the end of this term (Christmas) Mrs McCann, Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Butler will all be leaving our school. We will all miss them hugely, they have been such important members of our team, but I know that you will join with us in wishing them well for the future.

The Governors have appointed a new teacher, Ms Grace, to job share with Miss Limer in Violet Room. Ms Grace has already been into school to meet the staff, and will come again after half term to meet the children. We will be recruiting for Mrs Butler's replacement after the half term holiday.



Holiday Dates

A reminder that we break up for the half term holiday on Friday. School is closed for two weeks, and the staff and children return on Tuesday, 3 November (after the INSET Day)– we hope you all have a lovely break!

Finally, with this newsletter there is a flyer from Canoville football about the holiday camps.

Thank you for your continued support,

A.E. Speed

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Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday, 15 October	FSA Halloween Discos for Y1 & Y2
Friday, 16 October	Bramley Apple Day! *Break up for the half term holiday*
Monday, 2 November	School closed to pupils for INSET DAY
Tuesday, 3 November	School re-opens for pupils for the second half of term
Tuesday, 10 November	Reverend Peter in school to lead assembly 3.45pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening
Thursday, 12 November	3.45pm – 6.30pm Parents' Evening
Friday, 13 November	Children in Need Day FSA Quiz Night
Monday, 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day Road Safety Week NCMP checks for F2 pupils ***new date***
Friday, 20 November	Country Dancers performing in assembly ***new date***
Tuesday, 24 November	4pm – 5.30pm Open Evening for parents & carers of children starting school in September 2027
Thursday, 26 November	Choir performance at "Late Night Shopping"
Tuesday, 1 December	Christmas Craft Day (Christmas jumpers may be worn)
Wednesday, 2 December	Y2 visit to Southwell Minster
Friday, 4 December	Y1 visit to Bestwood
Monday, 7 December	"Little City Christmas" visiting Foundation ***new date***
Monday, 14 December	5.15pm Y1 Christmas Concert
Tuesday, 15 December	2pm Y1 Christmas Concert 5.15pm FS Christmas Concert
Wednesday, 16 December	2pm FS Christmas Concert 5.15pm Y2 Christmas Concert
Thursday, 17 December	2pm Y2 Christmas Concert
Friday, 18 December	Party Day! *Break up for the Christmas Holidays*
Monday, 4 January 2027	School re-opens for the Spring Term

Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

Bumblebee Conservation Trust Bumblebee-friendly Schools Gold award October 2024

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