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Dear Parents and Carers,

Head teacher’s Notes...

This half term has started well and we are looking forward to talking with you about your children’s progress this week at our **Parent Consultations on November 8th and 9th**. Letters confirming appointments for these will be sent home tonight, so please look out for them in children’s book bags / pockets etc! If you missed the deadline for booking an appointment, office staff will have booked one for you – I hope that you will be able to attend.

As those of you who attended our Parents’ Meeting on Thursday evening are aware, we are preparing for an exciting new phase in the life of our school community: our proposed new build. We are currently awaiting formal notification that the building will go ahead and are making changes to our school routines so that we are able to get used managing our available outdoor space before the building project begins in earnest.

Please see the attached summary of changes to the beginnings and endings of the school day which will begin tomorrow, Tuesday 7th November.

Half Term Holiday Home learning Task

Many thanks to those parents and carers who supported our pupils in completing our holiday home learning challenge, which asked children to write about their dream job in response to a video request from two secondary pupils in Nepal.

We have had some fantastic responses and would like to include this work in our ‘Time Capsule Project’, which will be housed in the main learning concourse of our new school. In order to ensure that all of our pupils’ aspirations are included in the ‘Time Capsule’, we are extending the deadline for this home learning challenge to Monday 13th November.

We have also planned an opportunity for our pupils to share their ideas as part of a ‘Big Conversation’ on Monday 13th November.

Attendance

Since our last newsletter in October, many more parents and carers are remembering to let our Office Staff know if their child is absent on the first day that they are off (either in person, by telephone, or by email) – thank you. In our last newsletter, we explained that as a matter of policy, like many schools, we do make an ‘Alive and Well Call’ on the first day of absence for safeguarding purposes, but it is much better if parents call us. All absences are recorded as ‘Unauthorised’ unless we receive notification of illness.

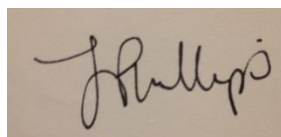
Congratulations again to all our classes: despite some nasty Autumn bugs, our attendance is looking great so far this year. Well done, in particular to **Seacole Class**, with the highest attendance of all so far this term!

Johnson Class (Reception)	95.6% attendance
Nightingale Class (Year 1)	96.9% attendance
Hillary Class (Year 2)	97.8% attendance
Keller Class (Year 3)	97.6% attendance
Seacole Class (Year 4)	98.8% attendance

Da Vinci Class (Year 5)	98.2% attendance
Luther King Class (Year 6)	98.6% attendance
Whole School	97.6% attendance

Please note that we are not permitted to authorise absence for holidays in term-time except in exceptional circumstances. (See the letter sent out last year by our local cluster primary schools)

Yours sincerely,



Jo Phillips (Head teacher)

Wyton Primary Diary Dates: Autumn Term 2017			
Month	Week Beginning / date	Event	Timing
November 2017	Wednesday 8 th & Thursday 9 th	Parent Consultations	Weds: 3.30-7pm Thurs: 3.30-5pm
	Friday 17 th	Children in Need Day – activities to be decided by the School Council	
December 2017	Friday 1 st	School Christmas Fayre	3.15-4.30pm
	Thursday 7 th	'Book Look'	3.15-5pm
	Saturday 9 th	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Christmas Fayre and Pamper Day	TBC
	Tuesday 12 th	KS1 Production dress rehearsal (younger siblings welcome)	9.40am
	Wednesday 13 th	Key Stage 1 Productions (no pre-school age siblings, please)	2pm & 5.30pm
	Thursday 14 th	School Christmas Lunch	
	Friday 15 th	Year 3 & 4 trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum	TBC
	Tuesday 19 th	End of term Key Music concerts for all classes & non-uniform day	9.20am (singing & woodwind) 2.20pm Percussion

The Wyton on the Hill Community Group Events	
Saturday 9 th December (timings TBC)	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Christmas Fayre and Pamper Day
Friday 2 nd February 6pm	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper
Friday 23 rd March 6pm	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Easter Bingo
Friday 22 nd June (timings TBC)	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Proms on the Playground