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Dear Parents,

Welcome back – we hope you had a lovely half term and now we are into a very busy half term as we move towards Christmas. We have some exciting things happening this term and the children will be extremely busy – do have a look at the diary dates attached for more information.

I have agreed with the Governors to continue as Interim Head until Easter 2018. I have enjoyed working with pupils, staff and Governors. I feel this will provide continued stability and support whilst the Governors move the school forward and consider Federation.

WOW week

The children have had a fantastic week, with all learning being based around the theme of 'Our Multi-Cultural World' with a specific focus of supporting Black History month. The children have produced some wonderful cultural art work, taken part in a drumming workshop and a hip hop and street dance experience. They have also learned about some historical figures who have made a significant impact on the lives of black people such as Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. The children have reflected on the importance of 'difference' and diversity and the idea that we are all unique. Our week ended with a sharing assembly where the children showcased some of their work.

Our next WOW week is already being planned for next term and will link with science.

Cadbury World

Maple Class ended their scrumdiddlyumptious topic with a very exciting trip to Cadbury World where they learnt about the history and production of chocolate. Their behaviour and enthusiasm was wonderful from start to finish which meant everyone was able to enjoy the day. Thank you Maple Class.

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Remembrance Day

As part of our Remembrance Service on 10th November we would like to invite the children to come to school in non uniform wearing something red.

Poppies are now on sale at School.



Children in Need Day – Friday 17th November

This will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.00.

Attendance

We have noted that a number of children are arriving late in the mornings, this has a huge impact on their learning and also impacts how they start their day. We feel that it is very important for all children to arrive at school on time, ready to learn. Children do not like coming into school late as it is very unsettling for them and sets them up to be all out of sync for the rest of the day.

Dinners

A gentle reminder that payment for school dinners is required in advance, this can be made on SIMS Agora, by cash (correct payment only) or cheque. Please forward your payment to the school office in a **sealed and named envelope**. Cheques made payable to Folksworth CE Primary School. The cost for the remainder of this half term is £62.10 (13th November to 19th December) (£2.30 per day) or £11.50 per week.

Weather

We are experiencing some very unpredictable, unsettled weather so with this in mind please make sure your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing and footwear. There is nothing worse than sitting all day in damp, uncomfortable clothing.

A note from the school office

Please return your pupil information forms if you have not done so already. It is vital that we have up to date information about all of our families, particularly if we need to contact you urgently. Even if there are no updates, please return the form confirming this. If you need another copy, please ask!

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Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn/Spring term 2017/2018

Any new dates added in the future will be in **bold**.

10 th November	Remembrance day. NON-UNIFORM DAY children are invited to wear red
13 th – 17 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week.
17 th November	Children In Need Day, NON UNIFORM DAY for £1.00 suggested donation.
Tuesday 21 st November	Flu Vaccinations for Foundation and Years 1-4
Saturday 2 nd December	School Christmas Fayre- School- 1pm-4pm
Tuesday 5th December	Christingle – 2pm
Wednesday 13th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 2.15pm
Thursday 14th December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 2.15pm
Wednesday 13th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children for £1.00 suggested donation.
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Service – 9.30am
Monday 18th December	FS and KS1 Christmas Party - afternoon
Tuesday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Party - afternoon
20 th Dec to 3 rd Jan 2018	Christmas Holiday
3 rd January 2018	Professional day – School closed
4 th January 2018	School opens

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