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Week 11,

Next week is the last week of November and if you listen carefully, you might just about be able to hear Mariah Carey warming up her vocal chords ready for the festive season! And if you're not quite ready to get in the Christmas mood, you might be encouraged by coming to the **FOCS Christmas Fayre**, next week on **Friday 28th November from 3.20pm – 5.30pm** here at the school. We are still looking for volunteers to help on the stalls, so if you are available, please let your class teacher know!

We were treated to a wonderful Year 5 Assembly this morning, where we found out about how children were treated in Victorian Times, parents are now armed with lots of information to use during those tricky conversations where their children are demanding something! If you were unable to come, we have sent a link to the performance which will be available for 7 days.

We held another parent tour on Thursday where we showed potential parents of children in Nursery and Reception for September 2026 our school and how hard our children were working. We have one final tour scheduled for **Thursday 27th November at 10.15am**; if you know anyone who is looking for a Nursery or Reception place for September then encourage them to contact us and book a place!

As the weather gets worse, and in case there are further wintry conditions, please be reminded of our snow arrangements: if there is snow in the playground you will get a text in the morning to advise that all children are to enter via the main entrance. Dismissal will then be organised from the Dining Hall on a year group by year group basis. Also, if the wintry weather is persistent, please send your children into school with a spare pair of shoes to change into should their original pair become too wet to wear. Coats must be worn in the cold weather at play and lunch times.

A few important reminders:

- Please ensure that your child brings in their Reading Book and Planner on a daily basis.
- If books that we send home get damaged there will be a £7.00 charge so that we can replace the book – be particularly mindful of water bottles as they cause the most damage.
- Permissions for trip e forms have been sent out recently for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 1 please make sure that you complete them within the allocated time given.
- This year we will all be having Christmas lunch on only one day (17th December) adding this to the lunch ordering system means that any orders will be removed for that week.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the buckets for Children in Need, we raised £302.

As the Christmas period approaches, you will be receiving a list that details all of the important 'dates for the diary'. Please keep checking so that you do not miss anything important! Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Stronger Together,
Miss Scull