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Friday 24th November

Dear Parents, Pupils, Staff, Governors and Friends of the school,
Lovely to see so many of you at International Evening last week, then back again this week for parents' evenings. International evening was wonderful! Amazing food, lots of chat and the music really made it special too. Thank you all for your contributions. The events just keep on coming, so do please read the information below so you know what is happening next. The school association are making it all possible, so do please volunteer if you can, it really makes a difference.




Have a great weekend!

Tamsin Smyth

School Disco Friday 1st December	Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help out on the night so far! We still need more parent volunteers, especially for the Puffins/Owls disco so please either fill in the Google form which went out on class groups this week or email using the address below. Wristbands will go out in book bags on Monday - please keep them in a safe place and then put them on your child before they come to the disco next Friday. Please write the name of the person who is collecting your child on the wristband and drop your child off/pick your child up at the school entrance on Vicarage Lane. Any questions, please contact Suz on newhinkseysa@outlook.com
Christmas Fete Friday 15th December: 3.15- 4.45	Plans are well underway for this event - the fete needs your support and we'll update you in the coming weeks on how you can help. Christmas wreaths will be on sale at the fete so please hold off on buying one until then! April will be running a wreath making session on Thursday 14th December - please email the address above if you'd like to be involved. If you volunteered to have an advertising board outside your home, Scottfraser have said they will be going up next week.
DVDs	I made a mistake! If you took a DVD from the box on Wednesday, please could you send it back in with your child? I thought they belonged to the school, but they don't!
Ikea "billy" bookcases	Does anyone have an Ikea "billy" bookcase they no longer want? If so, please let us know, thank you.

Puffins 	Puffins have had a great week. We have spent a lot of time talking as a class about our 'feeling detectives' looking, listening and thinking about how not only we but also how our friends are feeling too. The Puffins have used their outdoor space to create their own theatre production of Jack and the Beanstalk which was lovely to watch earlier this week. Year 1 have been story telling the story of Cinderella and Reception have used the story of the Gingerbread Man across their learning and have begun drawing and painting some pictures of their favourite part of the story with Sarah this week. The Puffins are also busy rehearsing for their Nativity play 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' which will be performed to you as parents on Wednesday 13th December at 9.30 am. Please do come along to watch. Some of the parents have expressed concerns about children running in the road after school is finished so on Tuesday I spoke with all the Puffins and I was so impressed to see all the children walking and waiting with their families. Thank you to all the Puffins for staying safe!
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Living life in all its fullness.

<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Owls have had a busy and creative week. Inspired by Thomas Fariner's bakery, we made bread and wrote accompanying instructions. We have begun to learn all about dragon stories, beginning with the Japanese story of Baku. We have created, drawn and used adjectives to describe our own dragons. We have used fabric pens to draw these onto cloth bags. In maths we have used standard and non-standard units to estimate and measure length. In RE we have been learning about symbols in Islaam, Christianity and Judaism.</p>
<p>Doves</p> 	<p>Another wonderful week in Doves class! In English we've been making work inspired by Oliver Jeffers 'The Heart and the Bottle' and 'The Red Tree' by Shaun Tan, and talking about what we can do when we're sad or upset to make ourselves feel better. In maths Year 4s have been fantastic at learning about decimals for the first time, and Year 3s have been looking at measurement again - this time of litres and millilitres, and grams and kilograms. We designed our 'historic' volcanoes in our geography/DT lesson. It was great to talk to everyone at parents' evening. For homework this week I've sent home some joined-up handwriting, as it came up a lot that all KS2 children should be using it consistently (which is a statutory requirement.) We may have a few spare spaces for adults on our Lion King trip so contact me if you're interested. Request: we need lots of newspapers for making our volcanoes, can children bring in any old newspapers on Monday please?</p>
<p>Kingfishers</p> 	<p>We have worked hard to write a short biography about Martin Luther King, thinking carefully about how to make the text 'flow'. In Maths, we used various strategies to convert between units of measurement, including drawing and reading line graphs. We enjoyed completing various circuit challenges for our new science topic which will lead to enhancing our castles with a festive theme! Our sharing assembly is on Friday 1st December at 9.15 in the hall, we hope you can join us.</p>
<p>Dates for your diary</p>	
<p>Friday 1st December 9.15</p>	<p>Kingfisher sharing assembly</p>
<p>Friday 1st December:</p>	<p>Winter Disco</p>
<p>Wednesday 6th December</p>	<p>Lion King and Pantomime trips</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th December 9.30</p>	<p>Nativity for Puffin parents</p>
<p>Friday 15th December</p>	<p>Christmas Fete</p>

School lunches including Christmas Lunch

Thank you for your patience while the kitchen was not able to prepare hot lunches. We are hopeful that all will be ok now. Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 14 December. Please book in on Parentpay as soon as possible so that Jackie can order enough food for everyone. It will say Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie or Baked Potato but please go ahead and book noting that Chicken will be replaced by Turkey and Baked Potato will be replaced by Veggie Christmas lunch. We will not be having roast on Wednesday 13 December but instead will have the Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie or Baked Potato. Any questions, please ask.