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**Principal Mrs C Thompson**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

- We launched our **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal** before Half Term. If you wish to support this appeal, we ask that all shoeboxes are brought to school by this Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to mark the label clearly and include £5 postage. There are spare leaflets in school if you require more.

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal can also be done online:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

If you do decide to do your shoebox online, please let us know so that we can keep a record of the number of shoeboxes sent from our school. **Thank you for the Shoeboxes already received.**

- The **Travelling Books Book Fair** was launched in school on Monday, running from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November. Each year we hold a Book Fair to give our children the opportunity to browse, select and buy books which they will enjoy reading at their leisure. Children also get the opportunity of owning and caring for their own books and the school is enabled to maintain its stock of books, as we get commission to supplement our class and central libraries.

During the week each teacher has been taking their class to see the books and have organised a book-related competition. The winning entry in each class will get to choose a free book. There is much fun and excitement during this week's event.

There is also the opportunity today to come and browse the books for yourselves with your child. The Fair is open to the public from 1.45 – 3.45pm TODAY.

- **PTFA – Thank you** to all the families who have contributed the £10 donation to PTA school funds. This is much needed to enable us to purchase resources for our school. I am delighted to inform you that the committee have been successful in achieving charity status enabling us to apply for grants and other awards. If you feel you can help in this area or indeed any aspect of the PTFA, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the committee or the school office. Thank you.

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#### PTFA Committee

- **Chair – Michael McCrea**
  - **Assistant Chair - Sarah Mckenna**
  - **Secretary - Louise Macbeth**
  - **Assistant Secretary - Diane Faulkner**
  - **Treasurer - Stuart Johnson**
  - **Assistant Treasurer - Robin McMullan**
  - **PRO - Michael McCrea**
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- **Anti-Bullying Week** will be held next week, from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November. The theme for this year is ‘Make a Noise about Bullying’. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we are having an Odd Socks Day. Pupils and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to school to mark the event.
  - **Sickness and Absences** – as we endeavour to return to normal school attendance, please be reminded of protocols as advised by the Department of Education and PHA with regard to ill health. All absences must be reported to school on the first day of absence. As part of monitoring procedures, pupils whose attendance drops below 85% will be followed up with the Education Welfare Officer.

#### **Calendar**

- Christmas Shoe Box Appeal: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Travelling Book Fair: 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November
- SEAG Test 1 – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Odd Socks Day
- Anti-Bullying Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. C Thompson  
Principal

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