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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, it was super to see so many enthusiastic children bouncing back into school. This is going to be a very busy half term with lots and lots to look forward to. As well as all of the usual excitement for Christmas we now have our School Safety Council and School Worship Council who are brimming full of ideas that they want to share. Singing Sensations are working hard to prepare for all of their performances and there are lots of sports events coming up. In fact the diary is jam packed!

Thank you to the parents who came to join me for our evening coffee and chat meeting. It was the perfect opportunity to share information and meet our school Governors in an informal setting. One of the things that we discussed was the Parents Council that we are establishing. The children have all been given a form to share with you. The aim of our council is to strengthen the partnership and team work between home and school. To do this we need parent representatives from each class, who will volunteer on an annual basis to represent their child's class on the council. This is an exciting way of becoming more involved and helping to develop the school to give children the best opportunities possible.

Children in Need takes place on the 17th November. To celebrate we will be taking part in a whole school Spotacular Sponsored Welly Walk. Your challenge will be to come to school dressed as spottily as possible. In the afternoon we will be going on our Spotacular Ramble; parents, friends and family are welcome to put on some spots and come and join us. When we get back to school spotty cakes, soup and snacks will be available to buy. The sponsorship form was sent out with the last newsletter and additional copies can be accessed from the website. Please gather as many sponsors as you possibly can so that we can raise a Spotacular total for Children in Need.

Thank you for the wonderful response we have had for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. They make a big difference for children who would not otherwise receive a gift, you still have a little time to return one if you want to but remember we need all shoe boxes to be in school by Monday 13th November.

Finally please fill in the parents and carers skills audit form attached to this email. As a school we want to work with parents as much as we possibly can. To help us with this knowing the skills that you have including careers, hobbies and interests can be very useful. If you feel that you can offer skills that may be of use to the school please let us know. We are also always seeking volunteers to listen to children read so if you can offer time, enthusiasm and patience we are also very keen to hear from you.

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