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23 September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

#### Pearl of Africa

As you will be aware, the Pearl of Africa choir visited school on Tuesday. The choir spent all day in school performing a morning concert along with singing and drumming workshops for all of the classes. Several classes also learned about what life was like for the children in the choir back in their home country of Uganda. The day was concluded with a public concert in the school hall which was fantastically well attended by members of our school community and beyond.

Our non-uniform day to raise funds for the choir last Friday raised £182.20.

Thank you all for your support.

#### Photographs

Please note that the final date for orders of school photographs is Wednesday 28 September 2016.

#### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club remains well attended. Can I please remind everyone that, as was the case last year, places should be pre-booked to avoid disappointment as we are limited to 26 places. We can only offer 'on the day' places if there is availability that day.

#### Change of Parent's Evening Dates

Please note that due to a staff training opportunity, OAK and LARCH class will have one of their parent's evening moved. The parent's evening arranged for Thursday 20 October will be moved to Tuesday 18 October. The evening arranged for Wednesday 19 October remains the same. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

#### MacMillan Coffee Morning

A reminder that we are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning next Friday (30 September) in the school hall from 9am to 11am. Any donations for the coffee morning would be gratefully accepted.

#### Earrings

Thank you to all parents for co-operating with our no earring policy. However, over the past fortnight we have had a steady stream of children with new piercings. Earrings cannot be worn in school. Plastic spacers to keep a hole open may be worn but plasters and tape over earrings cannot be used. Your child will be asked to remove their earrings if they are wearing them. If they cannot, you may be phoned and asked to remove your child's earrings.

### Equipment

Can I please take the opportunity to thank parents/carers for ensuring their children are coming to school with correct equipment (eg PE kit, Forest School Kit, Packed Lunches etc). Unfortunately though, the school office are having an increasing number of 'drop offs' of forgotten kit during the day. Over the past few days this has reached up to 30 each day in addition to many extra phone calls made in relation to forgotten equipment. Letters and notes about PE/Forest School days should have been received by all families; if you have not received a letter detailing which days additional kit is required, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Yours sincerely

**Mr A Miller**  
**Headteacher**

### **DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2016**

Monday 26 – Friday 30 September	Book Fair
Friday 30 September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 October	Parent's Evenings
<b>Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 October</b>	<b>Oak &amp; Larch Parent's Evenings Only</b>
Friday 21 October	Harvest Festival / Break up for half term
Monday 24 – Friday 28 October	Half term holiday
Monday 31 October	Pupils return to school
Thursday 3 November	Monsters' Ball
Friday 18 November	Children in Need
Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 December	Parents' Christmas lunches
Friday 9 December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 13 December	Early Years and KS1 Christmas performance
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas craft afternoon
Thursday 15 December	KS2 Christmas performance
Friday 16 December	Cinema trip or Christmas party / Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 19 – Friday 31 December	Christmas holidays

