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Dear Parents,

Important reminder about sickness

We have had lots of children off sick this week. Please can I remind you that they **must not come back to school until 48 hours after the last time they were sick**. This is to ensure that they do not pass the bug onto other members of our school community. If your child is poorly please remember to call the school office and let us know, otherwise we will phone you as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Peanuts

Remember we are a peanut free school – please check those snacks and lunchboxes if you are trying something new!



Coop Local Community Fund

Thank you to each and every one of you who has shopped at the Coop and nominated the school as your community fund. Today we went to Coop where we were presented with a cheque for £2126.01. This is an amazing amount of money that will be put towards developing our outside area. The children have been asked for their suggestions so keep an eye out for developments in the future.



Switch off fortnight

Uppingham C of E is taking part in the annual “Switch off Fortnight” – an Energy campaign run by ‘The Pod’ – EDF Energy’s award winning education programme. For two weeks The Eco Club is encouraging each class to try to save as much energy as possible by turning off lights when not in use, asking teachers to turn off projectors when they are not needed and closing doors and windows to keep heat inside. Each day, each class will have two new Energy Monitors that encourage their class to save as much energy as possible. There is also a competition for the best poster, which demonstrates the ways that we can save energy, especially around school. Deadline for all entries is 28th November!



Why not try to see how much energy you can save at home!!

Exciting learning!

Some of you may remember Mrs Burditt who worked at the school a while ago. She is now working at Oakham Castle and we were very lucky that she came back to visit us last week, bringing with her a fully working trebuchet! Children in Foxes and Badgers class learnt about how this machine worked and had a go at aiming and firing it. Great fun was had by all as they explored history and DT outside.



Christmas is coming!

The church bazaar is on this Saturday from 10am to 2pm. There will be lots of stalls and Father Christmas in his grotto!

2017 Christmas Card Competition

The school is looking for an artist to design our school Christmas card. The winning design will be printed in school and given out to all the people who help make our school special. Last year's winning design was by Scarlett.

Competition details:

- We would like you to create your best Christmas card design – it can be any design you wish! Each entry will earn a team point, let's see which house can get the most team points!
- You can use any media you wish to create your design e.g. pencil, crayon, pen, paint, or even collage.
- A winner will be chosen by an independent judge and the picture will be printed and used to create the school Christmas card for 2017. The winner will also receive a framed copy of their design and a pack of their printed Christmas card.

How to enter:

- Design your Christmas card on a piece of A4 paper.
- On the back write your name, class and your school team (Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune).
- Hand in to your class teacher by Friday 1st December.

I look forward to receiving your entry!

Reverse Advent Calendar

Ryan in Year 5 has had a fantastic idea to run a "Reverse Advent Calendar" this year. Instead of receiving a treat every day as we count down to Christmas we are asking you to give something towards the Rutland Food Bank. A Christmas box will be in our entrance hall and if you can contribute any of the food items below we will then organise for them to be taken to the Rutland Food Bank ready to be redistributed to the local Uppingham community in time for Christmas. This is a wonderful charitable event that will benefit local people and I hope you can spare an item or two as they will make a real difference to someone over the Christmas period.

Reverse Advent Calendar 2017					2	3	
A collection box will be at school from 1st December							
At the end of term everything will be taken to Rutland Food Bank							
Suggestions on each day are just suggestions, you do not need to give every day					Instant pasta or rice		
					9	10	
Long life fruit juice	Toiletries	Sponge puddings	Baby food or wipes	Jam or chocolate spread			
					16	17	
A packet of biscuits	Tinned Vegetables	Coffee	Custard	An edible Christmas treat			

All donations are welcome and thank you in advance for your support.

Sporting news from Mr Heyworth

Year 5/6 Boys' Football Tournament

The boys' Year 5 and 6 football teams competed in the final round of the Rutland Boys' Football League on Tuesday afternoon. Uppingham 1 captained by Charlie and including Freddy, Ivo, Greg, Alex, Ben, Callum, Ryan and Zach played their first match against Cottesmore. The team immediately got off to a great start with a goal from Freddy. Cottesmore quickly struck back but goals from Zac and Ben secured a great victory. The second match against Leighfield was played in appalling conditions. However, the team responded magnificently and completely overwhelmed the opposition. Three goals from Charlie and a goal each from Alex and Freddie resulted in a decisive 5-1 victory. The boys should all be very proud of their achievement this term.



The school's other team, Uppingham 2, was captained by Hali and included Freddie, Oliver, Charlie B, Harvey, Shay, Thomas, George and Fin. The team's first opponents were St Mary and St John. Both teams were evenly matched and the team were unlucky to lose 2-1. Shay scored a great goal for Uppingham. The second match against Langham 1 was a more one-sided affair and despite a very spirited performance the team lost 4-0. All the boys should be very proud of their efforts and the sportsmanship they displayed.

Year 6 Basketball

The school entered the Rutland Schools Basketball competition for the first time on Thursday. The team was Ruby, Zac, Greg, Charlie, Violette, Freddy, Shay, Hali and Elizabeth. The team's first match was against Ryhall and was a very close with fast end to end play. Baskets by Freddy and Zac saw the team draw with Ryhall 4-4. The team's growing experience saw them dominate their next match against Edith Weston the 2-0 scoreline being very unrepresentative. A final close fought match against English Martyrs saw the team draw 2-2, Freddy's fantastic basket keeping the team in the game.

Tag Rugby – Last sessions

The last sessions of the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby (Monday) and Year 3/4 Tag Rugby (Tuesday) will be held on Monday 4th December and Tuesday 5th December respectively. The clubs will resume in the Spring Term: Year 5/6 Tag Rugby will restart on **Tuesday** 9th January; Year 3/4 Tag Rugby will restart on **Wednesday** 10th January. New members are very welcome.

New Club – Dodge Ball

We are starting a Dodge Ball Club for Year 5 & 6 children. The club will start on Monday 8th January and meet after school between 3.35 and 4.30pm. Application forms will be sent out at the start of next term – there will be no charge for this club.

Return of school sports kit.

As can be seen from this week's newsletter it is a very busy period for our school teams. Please can you check that any school sports kit (shirts, shorts or socks) is returned to school as soon as possible. Kit should be washed before it is returned.

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 29th November **Bags 2 School Collection – 9.30am**
- Tuesday 5th December **‘A Home of our Own’ - Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers Christmas Production – 2pm and 6pm**
- Friday 8th December **Christmas Fayre – 3.40pm – 4.30pm** Get ready for Christmas by joining us at our Christmas Fayre where the children will be selling Christmas craft items they have made to raise money for the school.
- Tuesday 12th December **3.35pm Year 6 SATs information meeting** Please come along and find out more about the SATs that Year 6 will sit in May next year.
- Thursday 14th December **9.00am Owls Class Collective Worship**
- Friday 15th December **Disco** – organised by The Friends of the School
5.00 - 5.45 Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers
6.00 – 7.00 Foxes, Rabbits, Woodpeckers and Owls
Please come along for a dance, remember all money raised goes towards the school.
- Monday 18th December **Christmas Carol Service – 2.00pm**
Please come and join us at church as we celebrate Christmas with carols and readings.
- Tuesday 19th December **Last day of Term 2 – Christmas Jumper Day**
Wear your Christmas jumper as we celebrate our last day of term!