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The Mortimer Federation of St. John's and St. Mary's Schools Newsletter

Monday 12th October – Year Group Information Sessions – Mortimer St. Mary's – 9.05am to 9.35am
Monday 12th October – Year Group Information Sessions – Mortimer St. John's – 2.35pm to 3.05pm
Wednesday 14th October – Mortimer St. Mary's Harvest Eucharist Service – St. Mary's Church – 11.00am
Wednesday 14th October – Mortimer St. John's Harvest Service – St. John's Church – 2.00pm
Thursday 15th October – Year 4 Fieldwork Trip
Friday 16th October – PTFA Quiz Night – St. John's Village Hall – 7.30pm
Tuesday 20th October – Year 2 'Fit for a King' Parent Share – 2.45pm
Wednesday 21st October – Year 6 'Rulers and Government' Parent Share – Presentation in the hall – 9.15am to 10.15am
Thursday 22nd October – Year 3 'Board Game Bonanza' Parent share – 8.30am to 9.15am
Thursday 22nd October - End of Term
Friday 23rd October – INSET Day
Friday 23rd October to Monday 2nd November – Half Term
Tuesday 3rd November – Term Begins
Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 6th November - Science Week
Wednesday 4th November – Newbury Weekly News 'My First Class' photograph (Foundation Stage)
Friday 6th November – Parent/Carer Coffee Morning – Mortimer St. Mary's – 9.00am to 10.00am
Monday 9th November – Year 5 Planetarium visit (in school)
Friday 13th November – PTFA Discos – Year 1 (4.30pm to 5.30pm), Year 2 (6.00pm to 7.00pm)
Friday 27th November – Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 1st December – Year 3 trip to Butser Farm
Wednesday 2nd December – Parent/Carer Managing Worries Workshop – Mortimer St. Mary's – 9.00am
Friday 4th December – Foundation Stage Production
Friday 4th December – Christmas Fair
Monday 7th December – PTFA Wreath Making Evening – St. John's Hall – 7.30pm to 9.15pm
Tuesday 8th December - Year 1 'Great Fire of London' Parent Share – 2.45pm to 3.10pm
Tuesday 8th December - Year 3/Year 4 Production – 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday 9th December - Year 3/Year 4 Production – 9.30am to 10.30am
Thursday 10th December – Year 3/Year 4 Production – 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 10th December – Mortimer St. John's Christmas Service – St. John's Church – 2.00pm
Friday 11th December – Christmas Celebration Day including Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties
Tuesday 15th December – Year 5 'Reach for the Stars' Parent Share – 9.15am to 10.15am
Tuesday 15th December - Mortimer St. Mary's Carol Service – St. Mary's Church – 2.00pm
Friday 18th December – End of Term - Mortimer St. Mary's - 1.30pm, Mortimer St. John's - 2.00pm

HARVEST SERVICES

All parents/carers/grandparents, etc. are invited to attend our Harvest Services:

- Mortimer St. Mary's Harvest Eucharist Service – Wednesday 14th October at 11.00am – St. Mary's church
- Mortimer St. John's Harvest Service – Wednesday 14th October at 2.00pm – St. John's Church

We hope you will be able to join us.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – FOOD BANK

This is a reminder that, as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, The Mortimer Federation of St. John's and St. Mary's are collecting donations for the West Berkshire Foodbank. If you are able to bring in an item to help the foodbank, they would be extremely grateful (a list of suggested items is attached). Please bring any donations into school between Monday 12th October and Thursday 15th October.

HALF TERM AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Please see the attached information regarding local activities and events.

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IQ CHRISTMAS CARDS

We would like to remind all parents/carers that the completed Design Forms for the IQ Christmas Fundraiser need to be returned to school by 9.00am on Monday 19th October. For further information please refer to the newsletter dated Friday 25th September.

DIGITAL WELLBEING

Please click here to view a video which provides a quick overview on how to help children build healthier tech habits.

PTFA WREATH MAKING EVENING

The PTFA will be running a festive wreath making evening at St. John's Village Hall on Monday 7th December, 7.30pm until 9.15pm. Tickets for the event cost £45.00 per person and are available to purchase via Classlist. The cost of a ticket includes an eco-friendly covered ring to decorate, all the foliage and wire needed, a minced pie and 1 glass of mulled wine. Please bring secateurs (if you have them), along with anything else you may want to use to decorate your wreath (ribbon, baubles, pine cones etc).



POPPY APPEAL

The children have the opportunity to donate to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at School from Tuesday 3rd November. If you would like your child to purchase a novelty item from the British Legion, please send in a donation in a named purse/envelope. There are poppies, wristbands and bracelets available to purchase. The suggested donation for wristbands and bracelets is £1.00.

PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING – MORTIMER ST. MARY'S

You are invited to join Miss Pearson (Head of School) and Mrs Cooper (Pastoral Lead) on Friday 6th November, 9.00am to 10.00am, at Mortimer St. Mary's for a cuppa and a biscuit! We understand it takes a village to raise a child and we would love our school community to be a positive part of this and be there for each other. We are looking for any ideas of extra pastoral support we could make available for the year ahead too, so please come with any ideas you might have. We hope you can join us.

PTFA YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 DISCOS

The PTFA Year 1 and Year 2 discos will be taking place on Friday 13th November. Tickets will be available to purchase on Classlist in due course. If you are unable to see the discos advertised on Classlist, it may be that you have not added your child's name and their class to your profile. Click on the three small lines followed by profile where you can add children and be notified of events for their year group.

If, however, you are not registered on Classlist and would like to purchase a ticket, please send your child into school with £3.00 in an envelope, stating their name, their emergency contact number and the name of the person who will be collecting them after the disco.

The Year 1 disco starts at 4.30pm and will run until 5.30pm. Children should be dropped off and collected from the main entrance. Please collect your children promptly at 5.30pm to ensure that we can start the Year 2 disco at 6.00pm.

The Year 2 disco starts at 6.00pm and will run until 7.00pm. Please do not drop off your children until 5.50pm. This will allow time for the Year 1 children to leave.

We really hope the children have an amazing time. We would like to pass on our thanks to all of the helpers and organisers.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Please see attached the Mental Health Support Team parent/carer newsletter, along with information regarding an online workshop, to help support parents/carers with children's anxiety.