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Children In Need - 'Do Your Own Thing'

And they did! From superheroes to wearing sports kit, Pikachu and princesses. They were all there, some even wore their pyjamas. The really important thing for us all to remember that the monies raised is going to help children who are far less fortunate than ourselves.



Watching the Rickshaw Challenge has been absolutely inspirational. So far we have raised over £150 and there will be more to be added next week dependant on the number of children achieving full marks in their spelling tests (so get them practising)! Thank you for your support.

Shelterbox

We have sent a cheque to Shelterbox for the grand total of £1,363.17. This will help to purchase much needed equipment.

The sturdy green ShelterBoxes are designed to help people who have lost everything. They are filled with practical tools and utensils that help to create the framework for everyday life.

Each contains a family-sized tent that protects people from the elements and provides a safe space in which people can start to recover from physical and emotional trauma.



The contents differ depending on the disaster and the climate, but items such as solar lights, water storage and purification equipment, thermal blankets and cooking utensils help start the process of creating a home.

Many thanks for all your help and support.



Speeding in and through the village

Over the past few weeks I have had several complaints about speeding vehicles around the vicinity of the school at drop-off and collection time. Can I politely remind you that the school is in a 20 mile per hour speed limit and that adhering to this helps not only to keep your child safe, but all other children and adults too. More children, means more vehicles, so please drive and park considerately.

School Photographs

It has been brought to our attention that there is a wide variety of views and issues with the recent individual and family photographs taken here at school. It would be very useful for us if you could let us know 'the good, the bad and the ugly' and then we can feedback to the photographer and sort out any other issues arising. Either email or drop a letter into the school office.

Music Assembly

The music assembly to celebrate our musicians and singers will take place on December 1st at 2.45pm. Please come and join us.



Recorder Amnesty.

If your child has a school recorder at home, but doesn't currently use it at school, please return it as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Polite Request

Now we are well into the autumn term and the novelty of new classes starts to wear off it is an important time to encourage your child to continue to complete their homework regularly. Particularly things like reading, words, spellings and times tables practise benefit from being done little and often. Just 5 to 10 minutes three or four times a week can really have long-term benefits. Some things cannot be learned and retained in one long session. So, please help us to help your children and encourage them to get into good routines, especially now the nights are darker.

Parents Information Sessions for 2017 - 2018

We are looking to hold more information sessions this year to help with supporting your child with their learning. Some suggestions we have come up with include:

- Strategies to help learn spellings
- Inference in reading
- Calculation methods
- Grammar and punctuation
- Maths at home

Please complete and return the attached form with your preferences and include any other suggestions you have. Sessions can be adapted for various ages so if you could indicate which year group, it would inform us when planning the sessions based on parental need.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday November 22nd	Nasal Flu Vaccinations pm
Tuesday November 28th	Willow Class visit to Killerton
Wednesday November 29th	Ash Class—multi-skills at Clyst Vale pm
Friday 1st December	Music assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas dinner
Friday 8th December	Christmas Fair
Monday December 11th	Carol Service at the church by Key Stage 2
Wednesday December 13th	Nativity by Ash and Elm class
Thursday December 14th	Nativity by Ash and Elm class

Friday 15th December – School finishes at 1.30 pm

Start of Spring term Thursday 4th January 2018

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