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Dear Parents and Carers

### Mini Sparkle Disco

A huge thank you to the FPTA for organising another successful mini sparkle disco. There were sparkly nails, blue hair, temporary tattoos and a tuck shop amongst many other things! All the children thoroughly enjoyed it and raised over £300 for the school!

### Apple Day



On the first really cold day of the autumn, Mrs Quest, Mrs Manning and their fantastic parent helpers showed us how to make apple juice from our apples.

There was a competition for the longest peel which was won by orange class with a length of over 230cm!

Mrs Quest talked about the vegetables that we can grow here at school and in our gardens at home.

Mrs Holmes and Mrs Manning made some yummy vegetable soup which we could all try.

Many thanks to all the generous parents and neighbours who donated apples for all our children to enjoy.

### Spanish After School Club

We have been contacted by Mariposa Languages who teach a Spanish class in Birdham Village hall. Mrs Reddington who runs the class is willing to move the same club to school on a Monday afternoon after school. Please sign up using the form on the club booking page on the website and if there is enough interest then the club will start at the beginning of January.



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### **Wear It Pink! Day**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, the whole school turned pink to raise money for breast cancer care. All the children looked fantastic and really embraced the concept of the day.

Mrs Mahoney, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Osmend came in to school and helped all the children to decorate cakes to sell after school.

Lots of very kind parents donated cakes they had made. In total we raised **£270.60** for Breast Cancer Care which is fantastic. Well done everyone.



### **FPTA Barn Dance**



The FPTA are organising a barn dance on the **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. In the style of all the best barn dances there will be a live band and caller together with a hog roast or vegetarian option. Tickets are still available at £15 per head by completing the form at the bottom of the flyer sent out earlier this month and handing it in to the office. Further copies of the flyer are available from the office.

### **Mrs Treagust**

Mrs Treagust has informed us that she will be starting her maternity leave sooner than expected with her last day in school on this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please join me in wishing her well, and we look forward to seeing her back, all being well in July 2017.

### **School Garden**

We have noticed at pick up time that younger siblings waiting outside have been playing on the checkerboard paving slabs and the plough in the orchard. Please can you ensure that younger children are kept out of these areas as, aside from the obvious health & safety risk of playing on an antique machine, our children use the checkerboard area as

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part of their science and ECO lessons. We would be grateful if you would also ask any other carers collecting your children to also keep any younger ones away from these areas.

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### **Birdham Weekly Digest**

We are always looking for ways to further improve our communication with parents and at the same time reduce the amount of emails landing in your inbox. Mrs Owen is going to start trialling a 'weekly digest' to be delivered by email once each week. It will be directed to all parents and staff and will contain non urgent reminders and information. It will not replace class or year group specific emails which will continue to arrive in the usual manner. Newsletters will continue to celebrate our children's achievements and give you important dates at the end of each month.

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### **After School Sports clubs**

We apologise but it seems that the KS2 rugby has disappeared without trace. Mrs Owen is investigating a new supplier but until then, we are unable to offer rugby on a Friday after school. It's very disappointing but we hope to be able to offer an acceptable alternative soon.

### **Hi-viz Vests**

As it is now getting darker in the mornings and particularly early in the evening, we are encouraging all children walking or cycling to school to wear a hi-viz vest. We have 20 available for free from the school office on completion of a travel plan form.

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### **Dates for your Diary**

- 14<sup>th</sup> November – Switch Off fortnight starts
- 14<sup>th</sup> November – Spelling Bee starts for years 1-6
- 18<sup>th</sup> November – FPTA Barn Dance at Bracklesham Barn
- 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need day
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Mayan day for Years 4,5 and 6 only
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity in the hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm – KS2 carols by candlelight in St James' Church
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day & school Christmas lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

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With kind regards



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**HEADTEACHER**

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