



College Town Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you all had a good half term break and are ready for the next six weeks as we charge towards Christmas! On that note our wonderful PTA are currently slightly struggling to get the support required to make our Christmas Fair the best that it can be, so **please** do try and donate your time, as well as being generous with your donations. Below is a list of tombola items that we require:

Chocolates, sweets, alcohol, fizzy drinks, squash, chutney, honey, jam, table sauces, beauty gifts, bubble bath and stocking fillers.

Mrs Hetzel is waiting in the office with her Christmas Fair box and is looking forward to filling it up!

The last half-term ended with parent-teacher meetings and I trust that you found your child's progress meeting useful and that you were pleased with their progress for the first half-term. I was delighted that the meetings were so well attended and I know the teachers felt that they were productive. Over the next few months, we are going to be running some learning workshops to further support you so please keep an eye out for dates.

Also, on our INSET day last Monday, we looked at the children's learning and assessment for Maths & English. Using curriculum gap analysis each class teacher then identified a few specific areas where further understanding of certain concepts would support their next steps e.g. multiplication facts to support their division work etc. We discussed how we could make sure that parents and carers could also support their child in the areas that were identified. From this it was decided that each teacher would communicate these directly to the parents and carers of their class. These were sent out on Friday 8th November and I hope that they prove useful to you.

You will no doubt have seen in recent news that there is a real Government drive on school attendance. New rules came into effect in August 2024 and while historically our school has not routinely fined parents for taking unauthorised absence, under the national rules, all schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. We are currently seeing an increase in requests for extended absences and I would like to remind parents that the school is unable to authorise any absence except in the case of illness or exceptional circumstances. Going forwards, and where appropriate, fixed penalty notices are now being issued.

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Finally, on Sunday 10th November, College Town Primary school proudly attended the Sandhurst Memorial service and I would like to publicly thank Maisie and Benjamin Warner who were this year's chosen school representatives. The laying of the wreath is a nerve-racking experience, but they both rose to challenge exceptionally well and also demonstrated exceptional behaviour throughout the whole service. I felt extremely proud of how well they represented College Town Primary School. It was also heart-warming to see so many staff, parents and pupils also taking part in the Memorial Service.



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trudi Sammons'.

Trudi Sammons
Headteacher

