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Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of our busy half term and I am delighted to say that the school is moving forward in leaps and bounds. Assessments for every child have been completed and next steps are already being prepared for next half term. Our new Friends against Bullies are in place and certainly can't be missed on the playground with their yellow jumpers. House teams have been receiving lots of rewards over the half term and children have been enjoying a variety of rewards for good behaviour. Our kitchen have been helping provide lunches to a local school and Jo's cooking skills are now so well respected that the school has now requested 375 meals up from the original 240. Jo & her team regularly cook for visitors, and our local head teachers always comment on the Benson welcome given - because the food is so good. Happy Diwali to all our families that celebrated yesterday and well done to all the pupils and staff in Y4 for putting on a very special Diwali assembly. A huge thank you to parents and teachers for support and hard work over the term.

Dates for your diary:

Parent Afternoon 28th November, 1:30- 5:30 —details nearer the time
Christmas Fayre 15th December 4-6pm

Happy holidays everyone
Mrs Dennis

Secondary Transfer Forms

Parents can apply online at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The deadline for secondary transfer forms is:

30th October 2017

If you do not apply on time you could find that your child is placed anywhere across Birmingham.

In fact you could put your child at risk of not receiving a place anywhere.

Miss Sam Hines will be available on the 30th October from 9am until 10:30am to help with last minute requests. Please be aware that this will be the final day and we cannot guarantee that the website will not crash due to high demand.

Reception Places

**The deadline for Reception places is:
15th January 2018**

If parents do not have access to the internet they can collect a form from the school office.

Alternatively you can contact admissions directly on: 0121 303 1888

Attendance/Holidays in Term Time

- **Attendance** will be supported by the Spotlight Process from September 2015. Spotlight is used to help parents of children with 90% attendance and below that do not attend school regularly. Our school target is 96+%. Please help us to achieve this!
- **Holidays** for any reasons **will not be authorised** by the Head teacher. Any request will need to be discussed with school and the appropriate paperwork completed.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on

Wednesday 1st November 2017.

Please note it is parents/carers responsibility to ensure that your family/sibling shots are taken on this day.

Please arrive between 8am and 9am for family/sibling family photos.

Individual shots will be taken throughout the school day.



Harvest Assembly

**Non School Uniform Day:
Friday 3rd November**



Please send children in with a 'tinned' item that will be donated to the local food bank!



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