



16 November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Scholastic Book Fair - Monday 26 to Thursday 29 November

Please see details overleaf for this great event taking place in school.

After School Clubs

The last week of After School Clubs for this term is the **week commencing 26 November** (except for Elite Football Club which will continue). We know how much the children have enjoyed the extracurricular activities, and would like to thank staff for all their help in making sure these have been available these last 2 Terms. I am sure you will agree that the variety of Clubs and activities offered at Goat Lees is very impressive for a school of our size! Look out for details of more Clubs to follow in Term 3.

Book Swap - Wednesday 28 November

Our next Book Swap will take place on **Wednesday 28 November**. This event is very successful, and if your child wants to participate, they need to bring in a book they are happy to swap.

Non-Uniform day - Friday 30 November

We are having a Non-Uniform Day on **Friday 30 November**, and are asking children to please bring in a tombola prize donation for the Christmas Fair in return. The Friends of Goat Lees are working hard in ensuring that the Christmas Fair is a success again, just as previous years... if not better!

'Spelling Shed'

Thank you to the families who have trialled 'Spelling shed' for us. We had an overwhelming amount of positive responses to this so we have decided to purchase 'Spelling shed' for a year. Your class teacher will add the spellings for the week on Monday and it will finish on Friday morning. Ideally we would like the children to log on Monday-Thursday so they practise their spellings **every day**. Some of the older children have become particularly competitive with this and are spending quite a long time on there to be the highest scorer in the school. Please limit this time as you would with other games that your children might play. We would recommend 15-20 minutes per day as they still need to be reading and practising their times tables as well. We will be monitoring which children use this resource: the class with the most children will receive the spelling bee for the week. There will also be certificates for the children who log on most frequently, not the highest scorers. Little and often is best! Thank you for your support with this, we think it will have a big impact - not only in their tests but also in their written work.

Reception Admissions 2019

Just a reminder that the deadline for primary admissions is **15 January 2019** so if you or somebody you know needs a place for next September, please don't forget to complete your online application in time.

Children in Need

Finally, a big thank you to all who took part and gave donations of both cakes and money towards today's Children in Need fundraising. Special thanks must go to the organisers from Year 6, who did an excellent job planning today's activities. In due course we will update you on the total raised.

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