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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children return and settle back into classes again so well. As we start the second half of the Autumn Term, I would like to share the following information and reminders with you.

### Parents Evenings

As you are aware, these will not be able to go ahead in the usual way this term. Instead, teachers will work during the next two weeks to share a summary of your child's progress so far this term and examples of their work. These will be sent by Class Dojo or by email. You should receive your child's progress report by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### Retirement News

Mrs Heckels, who has worked in the office both at Ouston Primary and Ouston Infant Schools for almost 30 years, will retire at the end of this term. She will be greatly missed and we very much appreciate her commitment to our school community during this time. We will be advertising for a new Office Assistant to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. If anyone is interested in this vacancy, please enquire at the School Office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### Kidz Club and School Caretaker Post

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, our school will start to provide our own before and after school club, replacing the club currently provided by Kidz Club. This is with the full support of the Kidz Club Manager Mrs Patton who, along with Mrs Wallwork, will be employed by the school in our new before and after school club provision. Kidz Club has been such a valuable part of our school community and I'm sure parents/carers will join me in thanking Mrs Patton and her staff for their excellent care of our children in Kidz Club during the past 10 years.

For parents/carers who currently use the before and after school club, I would like to reassure you that prices will remain the same this year and we will continue to operate more or less the same hours, with a start time of 7.30am and a finish time of 5.45pm daily. Meals and snacks will be provided as they are with Kidz Club and due to the staff remaining the same, children should notice very little difference. Parents/carers will however, need to contact the school office to book children in and will make payments using the usual school systems. We will send more



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information out to parents/carers about this during the next two weeks and advise how to continue your bookings from the 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

In addition to her work in our before and after school club, Mrs Patton will also be employed as our new school caretaker from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Patton and Mrs Wallwork to these new roles at Ouston Primary School.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Items such as 'a zip pull', 'poppy reflector', 'wrist bands', 'snap bands', pencil sharpener & rubbers will be sold on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, prices range from 50p to £1.50.

### **Non Uniform Days**

In order to give you plenty of notice, I thought it would be good to share with you the dates for all of our non-uniform days this half term. They are as follows:

**Children in Need Day: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Children can wear non-uniform and/or Children in Need T-shirts etc. Donations to Children in Need would be much appreciated

**Anti- Bullying Day/Blue Monday: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** Children may either wear blue items of clothing or come in school uniform as normal

**Christmas Jumper/T-Shirt/Hat/Headband etc Day; Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** Children may come in non-uniform and wear Christmas Jumpers/T-shirts/hats/headbands etc if you have them

### **Please also remember that school will be closed for a Training Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Please get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or comments about any aspect of school life. As always, we will support each other as we work through the next few weeks and keep things as normal as possible for our children who continue to be amazing.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle



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