

# Hardwick Weekly Catch Up – 23 October 2020



Seven and half weeks ago, we returned to school after five months of school closure and today we finish for half term. It's been a long half term, and everyone is tired and ready for a well-deserved break! The good news is the children have really enjoyed being back at school, seeing their friends and enjoying their learning. They have also coped extremely well with the COVID restrictions.

This half term our focus has been on assessing the learning needs of the children and addressing the gaps in their knowledge and understanding resulting from school closure, as well as teaching the curriculum. We hope you have seen an impact of this work on your children and this is something we can discuss with you at the teacher/parent consultations at the end of November.

Enjoy the half term break and the children return on **Monday 2 November**.

Just a few of things to tell you about...

## Teacher/Parent Consultations

This term's parent/teacher consultations will be held during the week beginning **30 November**. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, these will be held virtually on Zoom or via telephone conversation for those who do not have internet access. Details of how to book a slot will be sent out nearer the time.

## FoHPS Christmas Cards

Today, your child will have come home with their Christmas Card design and a leaflet explaining what you need to do if you would like to place an order for a set of cards.

Please read the ordering instructions carefully as they are different to previous years. **You will need to place an order via their website by Tuesday 3 November and then return the child's artwork to school by Thursday 5 November, so it can be sent to the printers. If you are not placing an order, please do not return the artwork.**

## The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal

The children brought home a leaflet about the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal last week. The leaflet explains what you will need to do, and more information can be found online at

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Shoebboxes can be brought to school the week beginning **9 November**.

## BBC Children In Need

We will be supporting BBC Children in Need again on **Friday 13 November**. This year you can come to school in fancy dress, wear wacky clothes, wear spots or even have wild and wacky hair. The choice is yours! We will be making a collection for the charity, so if you want to take part please bring a donation to school that morning, which will be collected by the class teachers.

### *Dates for Diaries*

**Monday 26 – Friday 30 October:** Half term

**Monday 2 November:** Pupils return to school

**Tuesday 3 November:** FoHPS Christmas Card deadline for online orders (via their website)

**Thursday 5 November :** FoHPS Christmas Card deadline to return designs to school (after ordered)

**Thursday 5 November:** Whole school flu vaccinations

**Week 9 November:** Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection week.

**Friday 13 November:** BBC Child in Need charity day

**Week 23 November:** Year 5 Bikeability (cycle) training

**Week 30 November:** Teacher/Parent Consultations

**Thursday 17 December:** Last day of the autumn term

**Friday 18 December - Friday 1 January:** Christmas holidays (school closed)

**Monday 4 January 2021:** Start of the spring term – pupils return to school