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Dear Parents and Carers,

ROAD SAFETY

There were 2 near misses on Cottage Garden Lane last week: will it take an accident to stop people parking opposite the zigzag lines where it is obviously dangerous, given the narrow road and pavement? Please be careful on your way into school.

HOWITT FUNDRAISERS MEETING, WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER

At their meeting last week, Howitt Fundraisers voted to donate £1000 towards the cost of providing transport for our school trips. They want to help all children to take part in such activities and sometimes the coach is the most expensive part of the costing.

CHILDREN IN NEED, FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Thank you for joining in with Children in Need Day: I am very impressed with the efforts that parents make to support dressing up days. The children looked great and enjoyed their day. I will let you know the total amount that we raised as soon as the money has all been counted.

CHRISTMAS TREAT NIGHT on FRIDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER - 6:30pm

Howitt Fundraisers have worked hard to organise stalls for this event. Please come along and treat yourself. They will also be running a chocolate tombola at **HEANOR LIGHTS - MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER, from 6pm:** donations of chocolate or offers of help are gratefully received!

Please note the next **Bags2School (clothing)** collection will be on 27th February.

HEAD LICE IN SCHOOL

They are with us again. Please check your child's hair regularly. A fine toothed comb through the hair that has conditioner on it, often works really well. If head lice are noticed in your child's hair, we will let you know.

OUTDOOR P.E. KITS

Some children do not have outdoor P.E. kits at school. These should consist of trainers (as pumps/plimsolls let the wet in) with track suit bottoms and a sweatshirt. The weather now is too cold for shorts. Thank you

ANTI - BULLYING WEEK

This week, the children will take part in activities based on friendship, teamwork and speaking out to stop bullying. Bullying includes online harassment or repeated insulting comments.

POST OFSTED MEETING, MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER at 6pm

The Ofsted report was a shock to staff and parents. For those parents who are unable to attend the meeting, I would like to explain that the judgements in the sections on Teaching and Learning; and Leadership and Management are based upon last year's results for Key Stage 1 and 2, which unfortunately both dipped. Ofsted insist that, as they consider that attainment to be below satisfactory, then it must follow that Teaching, Learning, Leadership and Management are 'Unsatisfactory' even though many of the lessons that they observed were considered to be 'Good.'

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