Gorseybrigg
Primary School and Nursery

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Dear families,

It is nearly the end of a very busy half term and children have worked very hard. I particularly enjoyed seeing Y1-Y6 watching The Secret Garden theatre production – they really enjoyed the show and showed super theatre manners. Congratulations to our footballers and netballers who have represented the school very creditably this term and good luck to our cross country runners this week.

Our thanks to

- All the children who came to support us for our Open Evening last week. They were so polite and friendly – we were very proud of them.
- All the families who donated to Chesterfield Food Bank. The children enjoyed a lovely assembly led by foodbank staff who were delighted by your generosity.
- Everyone who has brought Opal Play resources. We are particularly grateful to Lidl who created and donated our new sandpit and tunnel and also for the boats which a very kind parent sourced from Whitehall – playtimes really are lots of fun! Please keep the donations coming – especially buggies, dressing up clothes and sandpit accessories.
- Nursery families who are supporting us with the study of early oracy led by the University of Durham, Sheffield Hallam University and the DfE. My colleagues are very keen to be part of educational research which may help us to improve our practice.

Gorseybrigg News

- In half term, we are having a new hall floor fitted. During the hot weather last summer, our current parquet floor overheated and was damaged beyond repair. The new floor should be more heat resistant and we will all be happy to see the back of the cardboard patches! If anyone has any **pieces of old carpet they can give us to protect the new floor from muddy wellies**, we would be really grateful!
- Also during the holidays, we are having a new internet system and phones fitted. There should be no disruption but please bear with us on the first day back if we are not quite connected immediately.
- Miss Hodgson started her maternity leave on Friday. We will keep you up-to-date with any baby news!

Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 22nd October is Halloween dress-up day**. Please bring a contribution for the PTFA Christmas chocolate tombola.
- **Also Thursday 22nd October is our reading celebration afternoon** to reward everyone for the fantastic results of our reading summer.

- **Monday 2nd November is flu immunisations day**. If you would like your child to have the immunisation, make sure you have completed the online consent form which will have been sent to you direct.
- **Tuesday 3rd November is our exciting Bonfire Night event**. Make sure you have your tickets for our laser show spectacular!
- **Wednesday 4th October is the Y4 geography trip** to the Blue John Cavern and Castleton.
- **Thursday 5th November is our Open Morning** for prospective parents between 9:30 and 10:30.

I hope you and your children have a great half term and return refreshed for the Christmas term excitement.
Best wishes,



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