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Dear families,

Thank-you to everyone who came to *Coffee and Chat with the Hea*d yesterday. It was lovely to see you. We were talking about enrichment and extra-curricular activities and I shared the school's overview for this year. If you would like to see it, it is on our website, under the tab *Our School* and labelled *Enrichment*.

We are planning some enrichment days this year to give children even more opportunities to try new things and have fun. If you or a grandparent have a skill you could offer to share with a group of children, and you would be willing to give up an hour or two to support us, please get in touch with me. Teachers would be in the session and school could provide resources like ingredients or craft supplies. We would particularly like arts and crafts, cooking, chess, woodwork, first aid and dance but there will be other things we haven't thought of that would also be brilliant! Our first event is planned for Wednesday 16th December. Thank-you to those parents who have already offered.

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 30th September – Phonics workshop for Reception and Y1 parents 5:30pm
- Tuesday 6th October – theatre visit to school. Children from Y1-Y6 will enjoy a performance of The Secret Garden.
- Thursday 9th October – children in Y2 will participate in a workshop to learn about Judaism
- Wednesday 14th October – Open Evening for Reception and Nursery entry September 2027

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that children must only bring water in their water bottles and will only be permitted fruit and vegetables at playtime. KS1 and EYFS children have a fruit or vegetable snack provided by school. If you have any questions about this policy, please speak to your child's teacher.

Volunteers

We are so grateful to parents and grandparents who volunteer to support reading and other learning in school. You are really valued by children and colleagues alike. If there is anyone else who would like to help, have a word with your class teacher or Mrs Christie.

To ensure that everyone who helps us is confident about safeguarding, I am hoping that you could join me for coffee and biscuits and a quick chat about how we keep children safe at school. It will only take around half an hour. You can meet me on either:

- Tuesday 13th October at 3:30pm
- Friday 16th October at 2:45pm

Please speak to me or the office team to let me know which of these days you would be able to attend.

Mobile Phones

As you may have read, the Government have introduced stricter guidelines for mobile phones in school. At Gorseybrigg, we prefer children not to have phones but appreciate that some parents may want older children to carry one if they are walking home alone. We ask families to follow these rules:

- No children below Y5 may bring a phone to school
- If Y5 and Y6 children need to bring a phone, they must turn it off before entering the school grounds and it must be handed to the class teacher, switched off, at the start of the school day.
- No mobile phones are permitted on trips
- No smartwatches with texting/calling capabilities are permitted in school or on trips

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact me.

Football Taster

This week Y1-Y4 had lots of fun taking part in football skills taster sessions run by SoccerEds.

I hope you and your children have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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