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Dear families,

As the weather becomes more autumnal, we are still keen that the children play outdoors every lunchtime. However, the school is becoming rather muddy. Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school at all times. After this week, **we will be insisting that children wear wellies or a different pair of outdoor shoes every lunchtime**. If this is difficult for you to manage, do speak to your child's teacher or to me as we may be able to source some spare pairs.

Gorseybrigg News

- It was a pleasure to see so many people enjoying the friendly, relaxed atmosphere at the Glow in the Dark evening last week. Thank-you to everyone who bought tickets and also to the PTFA for organising this lovely event.
- Your child may have told you that we had a flood at the end of the half term holiday and you may have seen the dehumidifiers around the site. Fortunately, it has now all dried out and, more importantly, it did not get as far as our new hall floor!
- This week, Y1-Y3 have had a visit from our PCSO to talk about good friendships ahead of our anti-bullying week. Also this week, Reception and Y1 enjoyed some tennis coaching.
- Mrs Christie and Grace from Y6 represented Gorseybrigg at the Remembrance Sunday Parade. All the children have learned about Remembrance Day and we held a two minute silence in school.
- We are delighted to be participating in the University of Durham oracy research. Members of Robin's Nest and Nursery staff received training and some lovely resources this week to share with the children over the course of the year. Thank-you to all those Nursery parents who supported us with our application.
- Y4 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Blue John Caverns and Castleton as part of their geography topic.
- All the children enjoyed a 'read anywhere' session at the end of term – it was brilliant to see how many spaces they found to enjoy a book including on my office chair and crouching in the PE store!

Dates for your Diary

- Next week is anti-bullying week and we are inviting all children and staff to wear odd socks on **Monday 16th November** as part of the national campaign to raise awareness of bullying. There is no

need for a donation – this is just for fun and to prompt conversations in classrooms. We look forward to seeing the combinations!

- Y3 will be watching a classical orchestra performing The Snowman and other children's classics on the **2nd December**
- A reminder that our enrichment taster day is on **16th December** – more information nearer the time.
- In the next couple of weeks, a parent survey will be coming to you. We would be very grateful if you could fill this in – it helps us to know what we are doing well and what we can improve.

Best wishes,



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