Dear Parents,

This half term seems to have gone very quickly! The children have all worked extremely hard. Our celebration assembly every Friday afternoon singles out so many great successes and the work that the children are regularly producing is fantastic. We have had many sporting successes this half term and now we look forward to next half term where we have the countdown to Christmas and lots more exciting things happening, including our first ever PTA Christmas fete. If you are able to help out with the fete (either with preparation or running a stall), please do let the office know or email our PTA directly.

I want to thank all families for their support during this half term. A big well done to those classes who have been the winners of our weekly attendance award (mostly Years 2, 4 and 6). The number of children absent due to a term-time holiday, which of course is never allowed, has dropped significantly this year and the number of unauthorised ‘lates’ that we have seen has dropped significantly too. This is brilliant! A huge well done to everyone as attendance matters.

Unfortunately, our overall attendance for the whole-school at the moment is lower than it should be. We do know there has been some bugs going around. We understand when children are genuinely off unwell but all parents should make sure that their child attends school on every other day. Trips away for long weekends, visiting relatives or your child having a slight cold are not acceptable reasons for a child to miss out on their learning. Every child only gets one go at life so please make sure that they are at school so that we can all make it the best for them.

We have talked to the children in assemblies this week about attendance and making sure they are in school. It has also been good to do work recently in House groups and to look at key events such as Black History Month. Key Stage 2 are celebrating about key black people who have influenced others. We are always using the term ‘Aspiration’ with all of our messages.

Enjoy the week off and see you all on Monday 28th October.

Mr Fordham, Headteacher
Here at Stopsley we will be taking part in “The Big Spotacular” event on Friday 15th November 2019 to raise money for Children In Need.

On this day each child can come to school in their own clothes (but must have spots) in exchange for a minimum donation of £1.00.

All money raised will be donated to this national and well loved fund raising event.

Please send any donations into school in a named envelope with your child’s name and class.

Earlier this week some of the children spent time in class preparing their own unique Christmas design, which can be turned into professionally printed products.

A letter containing more information and the children’s artwork (order form on the reverse) was sent home with the children earlier this week.

If you wish to purchase of these Christmas products please complete the order form and return it to the school office no later than Monday 4th November 2019. Unfortunately, we can not accept late orders. Any order forms received after Monday 4th November 2019 will be returned to your child to take home.

Haven’t received a letter? Do not worry if your child has not brought home a letter this week. Some of the children will be completing their designs in class the first week after the half term holiday. These designs will be sent home no later than Wednesday 30th October 2019.

Don’t miss the chance to have your child’s artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs or gift labels… and help the school at the same time!

As of Monday 28th October 2019 poppies will be available for your child/children to purchase from school. We ask for a minimum donation of 20p per poppy. However larger donations are more than welcome.

There are also a number of different poppy products that the children can purchase (these will be sold at break time) including poppy wristbands (£1), snap bands (£1.50), reflectors (50p) and zip pulls (50p).

If you would like your child/children to purchase any poppy or poppy product, please put all donations in a sealed named envelope for them to bring into class.

Poppies and all other poppy products will be available to purchase until Friday 8th November 2019.

To celebrate World Toilet Day on Tuesday 19th November 2019 each child can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a minimum donation of £1.00.

World Toilet Day is about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and help achieve a goal of sanitation for all by 2030.

All money raised will be donated to this essential worldwide task.

Please send any donations into school in a named envelope with your child’s name and class.