



A message from Mr Bladon:

I hope you all had a restful, enjoyable half term. I know many of the children enjoyed **Bampton Fair** both on the Wednesday evening and during the day on Thursday at the street fair! Some of the children also took part in some of the activities at the Exmoor Dark Skies Festival and it's been good to hear the astronomical facts they picked up! Our curriculum focus will be "The Final Frontier – Space and Robotics" next term so it's great to get a head start!

We've only been back only a few days and already packed so much in! KS1 and KS2 enjoyed their trips to the **Tutankhamun Museum** in Dorchester. This museum really brought to life the excitement that Howard Carter must have felt when he discovered the King's tomb. Fox Class has just finished their "Tutankhamun" reader which meant they were able to understand the museum in greater depth. Thank you to the parent volunteers who came with us – we hope you had a great time.

The **PTFA "Spooky Tombs" disco** was a great success on Tuesday evening with a great turnout and many fantastic outfits from the children! We saw some mummies, some Egyptian goddesses and even some futuristic space voyagers. Thank you to everyone who helped both set up and the big tidy afterwards. We'll bring you news of how much they raised very shortly. The PTFA will also be running the **Bampton Shopping Evening** which will run alongside the Tree Switch on. They will be running this event at the Riverside Hall on the 30th November from 4-7pm with a candlelit procession up to the Christmas Tree on the Stage at 5.45. Look out for posters but expect craft tables, candle decorating, shopping stalls, Santa's Grotto and a lot more! Staff will also be out and about – Mrs Rudd is leading the carol singing and some of the staff have offered to help with the refreshments in the Hall. If you think you can offer your services, even just for half an hour, please do see Laura Grant. Don't forget there's a PTFA meeting on Tuesday 7th November at 8pm at 9, Brook Street to chat about this and also other socials.

Thank you for the **Tescos Blue Tokens** received so far. To clarify: if you shop at ANY Tesco, please ask for the BLUE TOKENS at the till (this includes self-service). If you don't ask, you don't receive them. We have a box at both the Tiverton Superstore and the Moorhayes Park Express – if you go to another Tesco store don't forget THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS ALSO COLLECTING THEM. We have been guaranteed will receive £1000 towards I.T. equipment but we *could receive up to £4000* – it all depends on how many tokens we collect!!! We're also plugging this on Facebook so do share far and wide!

Reminder: If you've taken the **Pupil Premium test** on School Gateway and it's indicated you might be eligible, the next step is to call Devon County Council on 0345 155 1019. Find out more [here](#). **It's always worth applying** – let us know if we can help.

Next Half Term's **After School Clubs** start next week. Mrs Rudd is running a Choir, Miss Grimshaw is running a Tag Rugby Club with Mr De La Cour, Mr Carter is continuing his Football Club and Mrs Jones carries on her swimming lessons – for as long as the weather is on our side! Please sign up via School Gateway.

And finally, Mrs Whitton has organised a Bake Sale to raise money for After School club resources. Children will sell the cakes during break on the 24th November for 50p each.

Term Dates (*more dates on [school website](#)*)

Mon 6 Nov: Mr Carter's Football club starts

Mrs Jones' swimming lesson continue

Tues 7 Nov: Mrs Rudd's Choir starts (*now open for Y2*)

Miss Grimshaw's Tag Rugby Club starts

Mrs Melmoth's Lego Club continues

Wed 8 Nov: Fox Class swimming at Tiverton

Fri 10 Nov: Remembrance Day – Assembly **@11am**

Celebration Assembly as normal **@3pm**

Fri 24 Nov: Breaktime Bake Sale for After School Club

Sat 25 Nov: Wellington School Maths Challenge

Sun 26 Nov: 10am volunteers please @Bridge to help put up mini trees

Thu 30 Nov: **3pm** Parent Voice

4-7pm PTFA Christmas Fair at Riverside Hall / Tree switch on

Sat 2 Dec: Tiverton Lantern Parade

You may have seen the small Christmas trees that are up in Brook Street during the month of December. They are put up with the help of volunteers from the village and the organiser, Michael Browning, has asked us to see if there are any parents who are able to help! If you can spare some time on Sunday the 26th November, please meet at the Bridge pub at 10am. The more the merrier please!