As we move through the autumn term, we are looking forward to a number of exciting events and opportunities leading up to Christmas. This is always a special time of year in school, with lots of learning, celebrations and events. Please see the end of the letter for upcoming dates.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week we will be marking **Anti-Bullying Week**, beginning with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November**. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique.

Anti-Bullying Week is an important opportunity to help children understand the value of kindness, respect and inclusion. Throughout the week, pupils will take part in activities and discussions which encourage them to celebrate differences, build positive relationships and understand how they can support others. We want every child to feel safe, valued and respected, and this week provides a wonderful opportunity to reinforce these important messages across our school community.

**Road Safety Visit**

On Monday 16th November, we are pleased to welcome our local PSCO who will be delivering a Road Safety Talk for children.

Road safety is a vital life skill, and this visit will help children develop a greater understanding of how to keep themselves safe when walking, cycling and travelling in vehicles. We are grateful to our local PCSOs for supporting us with this important learning.

**Y5/6 Staffing Update**

We are currently recruiting a teacher to join Year 5/6 on Fridays and work alongside Mrs Fox, who has taught the class each Friday over the past year. Mrs Fox has done an amazing job teaching the children over the past months and we are extremely grateful for all she has done. The appointment will further strengthen the support and opportunities available to our pupils as the class continues to move forward. As an interim measure, and to further enhance the provision for our Year 5/6 pupils, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Moore to work alongside Mrs Fox on Fridays from 13th November.

**Farewell to Miss Liljendahl**

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that Miss Liljendahl will be leaving us at Christmas to begin an exciting new role.

Miss Liljendahl has been a fabulous teacher and a highly valued member of our school. Her passion for nature, the outdoors and environmental education has inspired

children, and she has played an important role in nurturing curiosity, confidence and a love of outdoor learning across all year groups.

While we will be very sad to see her go, we are incredibly proud of her as she begins this exciting new chapter. I am sure you will join us in thanking Miss Liljendahl for her contribution to our school and wishing her every success and happiness for the future.

**Key dates for HT2**

**Monday 16th Nov – Odd Socks Day – Anti-Bullying Week begins**

**Monday 16th Nov – Switch Off Fortnight Begins**

**Monday 30th Nov – INSET Day 4 – School closed to children**

**Friday 4th December (pm) – Christmas Fair 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm**

**Tuesday 15th Dec EYFS Nativity 9.30 am**

**Tuesday 15th Dec KS1 Nativity 2 pm**

**Wednesday 16th Dec – EYFS Nativity 9.30 am**

**Wednesday 16th Dec - KS2 Carols 2 pm**

**Thursday 17th Dec – KS1 Nativity 9.30 am**

**Thursday 17th Dec KS2 Carols 2 pm**

**Friday 18th Dec – School closes for Christmas Break – 1.30pm finish**

We look forward to another busy and enjoyable few weeks as we head towards the festive season and thank you, as always, for your continued support.