



Mini Newsletter – October 22nd

Dear Parents,

We hope you all have a great half-term! Your children have had a great time this week with all the special activities we have planned, but now really deserve a rest, they have worked very hard!

Training Day on 2nd November

Just a reminder that we are having a staff training day on Monday 2nd November. The children therefore need to come back to school on **Tuesday 3rd**.

School Photographs - Monday 9th November

Our annual family and individual photographs will take place on Monday 9th, and the packs should reach you via the school a couple of weeks later. You then direct the company directly to order any copies you would like.

Operation Christmas Child

This is a charity that the school has supported for many years and many families find this a really "hands on" way to help their children understand how they can give something truly tangible to children less fortunate. A small number of parents are not happy that this charity has an overtly Christian message, and if you find this unacceptable then you are of course under no pressure to take part. The charity makes no attempt to hide this aspect of their work, and do visit their website on www.samaritanpurse.uk.com if you want to find out more. However as nearly 100 shoeboxes were made and collected last year, we're assuming many of you are happy to continue supporting their work. One of our previous teachers, Jan Carpenter who did a couple of assemblies about it this week has been a volunteer with the charity for a number of years, and is actually going out to Belarus to deliver our boxes! Your children will be coming home with an information leaflet today, and the boxes will be collected on 19th November. A number of families like make their boxes up as a half-term activity, and this year we are also setting up a central collection point for items that could go into a joint box, so even if you feel you can't make a whole one, you could contribute towards one.