Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to you all for your support this week with our fundraising for Children in Need and Just One Tree. The cake sale and non-uniform day have helped us to raise money towards these two good causes and our School Councillors and Eco Club have done a fantastic job to organise the events. We are not currently sure how much has been raised but will let the children know when the money has been counted. We apologise for any confusion around the money for the cake sale. The cakes were all priced at 50p and children should have received change if they had more money than that. If this was not the case, children should not have paid for the non-uniform today. Please speak to your child’s class teacher if that is not the case. As you can imagine, selling cakes to 420 children can be quite frantic so we are sorry that it did not run as smoothly as we would’ve liked. Thank you for all of the donations of cakes that supported this event. If you sent in a cake tin/container, please pick these up from the school hall.

Upcoming events
Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st November – Year 6 residential in London
Tuesday 19th November – Uniform sale – 3.10pm
Wednesday 20th November – Dunlins swimming
Thursday 21st November – Dunlins & Barn Owls to Burton Art Gallery
Friday 22nd November – Non-uniform day for Christmas Fayre
Friday 22nd November – Volunteers workshop – 9.00-9.30am
Friday 22nd November – Return Sports for Champions forms
Wednesday 27th November – Dunlins swimming

School calendar
Alongside the newsletter this week, you will also receive a school calendar with an overview of key dates throughout the school year. Please take note of these dates and then look for further details nearer the time in the newsletter. The upcoming dates are now placed at the top of the newsletter so that they are easier to read and refer to.

Non-uniform day
There will be a non-uniform day next Friday 22nd November in preparation for our Christmas Fayre. Please send the children to school with a donation of sweets, gifts, tombola prizes, chocolate, fizzy drinks etc. for the fayre.

Water bottles
We actively encourage children to bring a water bottle with them into school so that they can keep themselves hydrated, including in the classroom. We ask that water bottles that come into class only contain water and no other drinks. This is a recommendation from dentists. During
lunchtime, children are allowed to drink water, milk, squash or pure fruit juice. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

**Parent helpers**

We are looking for parent helpers that are able to support us in school by listening to readers. There are lots of classes without any helpers and they make a big difference to the staff and children in school. You don’t need to have a lot of time available as staying after you have dropped your child off in the morning until 9.30am is a great help. If you are interested in becoming a parent reader or are currently involved in listening to readers in school, we are offering a workshop on Friday 22nd November from 9.00 – 9.30am where we will share more about the expectations and give clarity about the role. All regular volunteers are required to complete a form and have a Disclosure and Barring Service check. Information about our volunteer checks can be collected from the school office.

**Mystery readers**

All of our classes are keen to have mystery readers! Being a mystery reader involves coming into school to read a story to your child’s class at the end of the school day. The children know that someone is coming in but close their eyes as the parent/carer/grandparent enters the room. If you are interested in being a mystery reader and have a DBS please speak to your child’s class teacher to arrange a time.

**Uniform sale**

PFSM will be holding a uniform sale next Tuesday 19th November after school. This will be in the school hall and second-hand uniform will be available for purchase.

**Explore Together Service – St. Mary’s Church**

Go along to St. Mary’s Church at 4pm on Sunday 17th November. There will be stories, songs, craft and crumpets. All the family are welcome.

**Sports for Champions**

The deadline for returning the Sports for Champions forms is Friday 22nd November. On Friday 29th November we will be having a visit from the athlete Ezekiel Uwulu and all children need to bring their PE kit to school on that day.

**Christmas dates**

- **Friday 29th November** – Christmas Fayre – 3.15-5.30pm
- **Thursday 5th December** – KS2 Advent Service – 9.10am (St. Mary’s Church)
- **Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December** – KS1 performances to parents – 2pm
- **Friday 13th December** – School discos – 5-6.30pm FS &KS1; 7-8.30pm KS2
- **Tuesday 17th December** – Foundation Stage performance to parents – 9.20am
- **Tuesday 17th December** – KS2 Carols around the tree – 6pm
- **Wednesday 18th December** – Christmas lunch for children
- **Friday 20th December** – FS & KS1 Christingle Service – 9.10am (school hall)
- **Friday 20th December** – KS2 Christingle Service – 2pm (St. Mary’s Church)

**Miss Tottle’s days at St. Mary’s next week are Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd November.**