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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, which promises to be very busy and exciting as we lead up to Christmas. We shall enjoy welcoming you to various school events over the coming weeks and have listed diary dates again at the end of this letter for your convenience. The children have relished the challenge of our new 'Passport to Learning' reward system and thoroughly enjoyed their 'film and popcorn' afternoon at the end of last half term. We are planning another very special event for the afternoon of Monday December 18th! We continue to address the issues raised at the last Ofsted inspection in September 2016 and attach a further update of the actions we are taking to improve the provision at the school. We will send further updates over the course of this academic year.

Poppies

Poppies and related items will be on sale in school over the next week, until Friday November 10th. Any donation is welcome to buy a poppy but a recommendation of £1 is suggested for larger items such as brooches/wristbands etc. If you would like your child to purchase any of these items please send in money in a clearly labelled envelope and they will have an opportunity at some point each day until next Friday.

Defibrillator

Many many thanks for helping us to raise enough money to buy a defibrillator for Ormesby village! The junior school raised £204.17 on Wear Red Day on 29.9.17 and this money along with money raised at the infant school and donations received from other local sources has enabled us to purchase this crucial piece of medical equipment for the village. We are waiting to hear from the parish council about where the defibrillator should be situated in the village and, as soon as we can, we plan to organize an assembly for an official 'handover' ceremony and to thank everyone who has contributed to this very special purchase. As soon as we know more we will, of course, let you know.

P.E.

Please ensure ALL children have P.E. clothes and trainers/plimsolls in school ALL week! As previously mentioned we have sports coaches in school all week and very few spare P.E clothes. Pupils need to be able to take part in these lessons wearing the correct clothes and footwear. Thank you for ensuring their kit is in school all week, every week.

Bushcraft

Mr Jonathan Earle, manager of a company called Back to Basics Outdoor Education would like to set up his bushcraft clubs at Ormesby Junior School and our pupils will have first preference in taking up the places. The clubs will run on a Monday evening at the school – 16.45-17.45 for younger pupils and 18.00-19.00 for older pupils. He and his staff are DBS checked and hold relevant first aid qualifications. Pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities such as den building as well as learning about how to look after our outdoor environment. The cost of the session is £3

per child. If your child would like to attend one of these clubs please complete the interest slip and return it to school as soon as possible. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Diary dates

6.11.17 – Y6 height/weight check

30.11.17 – Y3/4 nasal flu immunization

6.12.17 – Christmas disco – details to follow

7.12.17 – Infant school Christmas Fayre – details to follow

12.12.17 – 2.00pm Y3/4 Christmas performance – details to follow

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14.12.17 – Y5/6 Christmas party – pm

15.12.17 – Y3/4 Christmas party – pm

18.12.17 – Christmas concert – 6.00-7.30pm – Ormesby church – details to follow

19.12.17 – School Christmas lunch – details to follow

Yours sincerely

L. J. Bates

Lucy Bates

Headteacher

My/our child would like to attend the bushcraft club.

Child's name and class: _____

Signed: _____