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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your positive feedback about celebration assemblies and harvest. The next celebration assembly will take place at the normal time of 9am tomorrow. Please join us if you can.

### International Evening

International Evening on Wednesday 18th October at 6pm. We encourage children to wear national or regional dress. We ask for donations of food to share, ideally as finger food as we hope to remain together in the hall this year. We will provide break out space on the back playground and in key stage 2 classrooms to prevent overcrowding. Please bring the food clearly labelled by country/region and by dietary category so that those who follow particular diets can partake. Please note that we are a nut free school.

Your food donations will be laid out in buffet style on tables in the entrance foyer and in the hall. Donations can either be dropped at 3.15pm on the day or when you arrive in the evening.

All children will be performing in their class groups. Please could you deliver your child to their classroom at 6pm through their usual morning entrance. Parents can then enter the hall through the main reception ready for a 6.15pm start. At the end of the performance, and before food is served, children will return to their classes with their class teachers. You can collect your child safely from their classroom and bring them to the hall to enjoy the buffet with you. We will give you clear instructions on the day.

### Magdalen College School - Shakespeare project

Year 6 children have begun a project on 'Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream'. They will receive several workshops over the course of the year, led by Magdalen College School. This will culminate in a performance in the summer term.

### Primary Playmaker Project with the Oxford Playhouse

Year 5 children have begun a playwriting project with the Oxford Playhouse. Later in the year they will have the opportunity to visit the Playhouse for a performance of some of the selected plays.

### Book Bags and Homework

This is a quick reminder that your child needs a book bag for both their reading book and

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their homework. There are supplies in the school office. You can pay for these online and we will ensure that your child brings it home with them.

Please make sure that your child completes their weekly homework and returns it to school on the designated day. Homework should be completed in pencil, with rulers used to draw lines. Please support your child to complete their homework to a high standard. We will give you specific feedback on this at the parents meetings after half term.

Attendance

We have some emerging good news! Attendance has risen to 96% this week! As you know, this is a priority area for Ofsted so the local authority attendance team are working intensively with us to improve it. Please keep up the good work. We ask you to be particularly careful not to take unauthorised absence in the lead up to half term and Christmas. No permission can be given for holidays or leave abroad. Thank you for your cooperation with this. It makes all the difference!

Dates for the term

Wednesday 18th October 6 - 7.30pm	International Evening (children and parents)
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	Half term
Monday 30th October	INSET Day
7th/8th November	Parent teacher meetings
Monday 13th November 3.30pm	Parent consultation on more able pupils.
Friday 17th and Saturday 18th November	Open mornings (prospective parents)
Friday 1st December 9.15 - 10.45 am	Curriculum morning - open classrooms (parents and carers invited)
Wednesday 13th December 9.15 am	Seasonal songs (Nursery and Reception)
Wednesday 13th December 10.30 am	Pantomime in school (performed to the children by 'Panto in a Day')
Thursday 14th December 2 pm	School Nativity for parents (Years 1 and 2)
Friday 15th December (all day)	Children's bazaar (children only but adult

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	helpers needed)
Monday 18th December 6 pm	School carol service (Years 3-6 and parents)
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas lunch and jumper day (children)
Wednesday 20th December 1 pm	Term Ends - no after school childcare or clubs

Have a good week.

Best wishes

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