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Dear Cuddington Parents and Families,

Our first half term has been full of success, kindness, laughter and commitment from our children and staff.

Our first residential of the year has taken place, with a week long visit to Min Y Don (near Barmouth) and what a wonderful week had by all. As usual, our children were commended for exemplary behaviour 😊 Emails sent by external establishments always makes me feel incredibly proud. My biggest thanks must go to Miss Cowie, Mrs Austin and Mrs Marsden for giving up a week to be with our children and away from their own families – what a team!

Now that Autumn is truly here, we can begin to think about Parents' Evenings, Fireworks, end of term assessments ... and dare I say it.... Christmas! Our staff are ready for their well earned break (as I am sure our children are), but will be spending some of it preparing for the next half term ahead. Teachers will be updating their class pages to inform you of new learning.

Last night I attended our annual PTA AGM. It was a huge celebration of money raised; £15,517.46 during the past year which is more than we have ever raised before. I feel incredibly grateful to this group of volunteers who regularly volunteer their time to benefit our children. I was sad to see Maria (our treasurer), Heather (our secretary) and Nicky (our chair) step back from their roles now due to work commitments and children leaving our school. There aren't enough thanks for all they have done.

That said, I am delighted that Carolyn Clarke has been elected as our Chair and Kathryn York has been elected as our treasurer. Unfortunately, no one has come forward for the role of secretary which means our committee cannot run. **Therefore, I am asking if one of you in our community would be willing to step into this role. The secretary's responsibility is to communicate with our school community and be confident to approach businesses for 'freebies.'** If you would be prepared to take on this role to secure a PTA committee, then please contact [cuddingtonprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:cuddingtonprimarypta@gmail.com)

Maria and Heather spent a long time last night (with other parents too) to finalise details for our firework fundraiser. It looks to be another well organised event, so you must buy your tickets online via Eventbrite (***no tickets can be bought at the school gate***).

### **Sports News**

Children from years 4,5 and 6 have represented Cuddington over the past few weeks in several football tournaments with so much success. Our girls football team and Year 5/6 football team are through to the next stages 😊 Each child who represented us, did so with a lot of respect for themselves and each other. Thank you to all our parents who helped with transport and stayed to support all our children.

### **Halloween**

Many of our children have been talking about Halloween and how they will celebrate this day. I have spoken with the children in our celebration assembly about the importance of staying safe and only "Trick or Treat" with a known adult. I have strongly advised not to go to strangers houses unless they are with a known adult.



On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, our INSET day will focus on teachers as subject leaders and developing their work in monitoring positive outcomes for children across all subjects.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and I hope to see you all back with us on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Mrs S Mills

Head Teacher