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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a massive thank you to our PTA for the fantastic Pumpkin Festival held on the last day before half term. Thank you to all those who set up, oversaw the event and all of those I joined at the end to remove all of the pumpkins and decorations from the playground! The children I saw looked like they had a great time!

Thank you to all the children who sent in pumpkins as well – we added them up and each house received points based upon the number of pumpkins they sent in.

The results were as follows:

Batchwood 45 Harpenden 45 Townsend 66 Waverley 33

Forthcoming Parent Consultations

You will shortly receive information about our forthcoming parent consultations which in the main will take place on the **18th and 23rd November**, with **some variations** for individual classes.

Many parents that we spoke to last year enjoyed the convenience of virtual consultations and for those who have siblings at different ends of the school it makes multiple appointments somewhat easier! However, if Covid cases begin to diminish over the school year, we will look for opportunities for you to come in and see your children's work, see our school displays and meet our team in person.

Staff Update

I wrote to Willow Class parents this week to explain that sadly Miss Peters will be leaving us at the end of term, to take up a teaching position closer to home. She will be sorely missed! As indeed will Mrs Thrift, who is leaving us for family commitments, but I am pleased to say will still be available to cover in the office from time to time!





Friday 19th November is **Children in Need**. We will be having a 'Rainbow, Samba, Glitter and Glow' theme which links to Children in Need's Strictly Come Dancing tribute! If children wish to – they can come dressed in as many colours as they can – and/or come in something sparkly. No face paints/hair colouring though please. Please make any donation direct to Children in Need - <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>. Thanks to *Alexandra* in Y6 for the illustrations!

We spoke to the children in assembly this week about firework safety and both the Guy Fawkes story and also about Diwali which was yesterday.

Have a good weekend everyone and if you're seeing any fireworks displays I hope you have a lovely time!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Farrugia

