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You'll see from my letter head that we have a winner in our birthday logo competition! A huge congratulations to Harry and Jack in Year 6, whose combined design skills (and a little production work on the laptop) have produced a wonderful image that will adorn our paperwork over the next year.

I have a number of events and reminders for you're the rest of the half term that you might like to add to your calendar. In date order they are:

Individual School Photographs will be taken on the morning of Tuesday 24th September. If parents wish to have photographs with pre-school siblings, school will be open from 8.20am for half an hour. We always organise siblings in school to be photographed together during the morning.

MacMillan Coffee Morning takes place on Friday 27th September. Our doors open at 8.10am and you can join us until 9.30am. (Children know that they will need to finish their cake breakfasts before registration at 8.50am!) If you want to compete with the staff Bake Off and donate a cake, please bring it to the office on the Thursday afternoon or early Friday.

Our first School Disco of the year is on Friday 4th October. More details to follow from Friends.

The Autumn Term Parents Evenings will be on 8th and 9th October. A letter will be sent the week before, giving you the opportunity to book a convenient appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Willow Brook's Harvest Festival is on Friday 11th October. This is a morning where our teaching encourages the children to appreciate all that we have – especially when it comes to food. In response to this, we send our 'harvest' to The Friary in West Bridgford. However small, please add to our grocery display if you feel able.

Cauliflower Cards will be done for you to view during Parents Evening week. For the uninitiated, the children all produce a individual Christmas card based on a class design, which you will see when you come to your appointment. You can then order a pack of printed cards ready for December.

Children in Distress – Love in a Box The school has been invited to take part once again in sending shoe boxes filled with Christmas love to Romania. Whilst we are thinking about putting a day in our diary to pack the boxes with your donations in school, please save any shoeboxes that you may have in preparation. There will be more details of how you can help and get involved in the afternoon after half term.

A busy half term, indeed!