

Newsletter



Newsletter 5

8th November, 2019

Assembly Themes: Next week: Remembering Week after half term: Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have had an enjoyable half term break. The children have had a busy and successful week, including a fantastic RE day yesterday – more below! We are very proud of both our Year 6 and Year 2 children, who showed exemplary behaviour on their recent trips to Bletchley Park and the Gunpowder Mills (respectively). Staff were delighted to receive a number of positive comments about the children from members of the public and the centre guides.

We have a very busy term ahead with lots of Christmas events and activities to look forward to!



RE WOW! Day

We had a fantastic WOW! day for RE, focussing on signs and symbols. We were delighted to be joined by Philip for the morning. We started the day in assembly by thinking about different symbols and their meanings, including singing a hymn which has sign language to accompany it. Next, the classes focussed on the symbols associated with the religions they cover in their individual year groups, as well decorating a heart, to make a whole school display associated with the core school value of 'love'.

In the afternoon, the children worked in house groups, in mixed age classes, on symbols connected with the Christian faith, such as rainbows and water. We finished the afternoon by sharing some of the work completed and with a challenge – to make a heart symbol, in houses – much harder that it sounds! As usual, I will make a picture collage for the children to remind them of the activities covered during the day. We are currently collecting all of the finished work together and will be displaying this around the school.

Thank you to the staff for their hard work towards making the day so successful and to the parent volunteers who came in to help us.



Message from Mr Massey re: Books for Africa

Thank you for supporting our Books to Africa appeal. We collected a large number of good quality books and raised £87.20 which funded the cost of transporting them.



Snack

It has been a while since we sent out a reminder regarding morning break snacks for KS2. Children are only able to eat fruit, vegetables, rice cakes or breadsticks. Where children have a particular dietary requirement which means they need a different type of snack, we are happy to agree this with you.



Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings

Thank you for your support of our Parent Teacher consultations. We trialled the use of the online booking system for the first time and feedback so far has been extremely positive. We would welcome any further views from parents; the trial was free and the decision regarding investing in the system will be informed by your opinions.



Children in Need – Rickshaw Challenge

As many of you are aware, the Children in Need Rickshaw Challenge will be coming through Codicote on Friday 15th November. We are currently liaising with representatives from the police regarding the route and timings, as we plan to take the children out to cheer the riders on. Children are welcome to wear Pudsey ears for the event! If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need, please send the money in with your child and we will send it off. Lunch may be served slightly later on the day – any specific needs regarding timings of eating will be taken into account.



PTFA

The PTFA will be holding a Children's Film Night tonight from 6-8 p.m. There will be three age appropriate films to choose from. All children who attend the school are welcome to come along, provided they are able to maintain concentration for the films being shown. Refreshments will be served during an interval – the cost of these is included in the price of £3.50. Entry is payable on the door.



Christmas Shopping Evening

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Shopping Evening on Thursday 28th November from 7 to 9 p.m., and have fantastic stalls booked to come along. Father Christmas has confirmed his attendance and is looking forward to seeing his grotto – which will be assembled by the staff!

The Christmas Present Wrapping Competition is always a pleasure, if a challenge, to judge. Children are invited to donate a small gift – wrapping it as creatively as possible. These items are then sold on the PTFA stall. The entries need to be brought into school on the morning of the 28th – labelled with the age the gift is suitable for.

We also suspend the healthy snack rule on Wednesday 27th November, and allow the children to bring in two chocolate items – one for them to eat and the other to donate to the Chocolate Stall. Please could chocolate containing nuts be avoided due to allergies? Thank you in advance for your support.

We would welcome offers of help to set up, help during the night and clear up after the evening.



Beauty and the Beast Pantomime visit

One of the highlights of Christmas is the whole school trip to the Pantomime at the Gordon Craig Theatre. This year, we will be going on Thursday 5th December. To get the best deal possible, Mrs Day and I book over a year in advance, anticipating the numbers. All children are allocated a specific seat, with the adults strategically placed around the theatre. As you might imagine, this is quite an undertaking. If there is any reason why your child will not be going, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can get any surplus tickets re-funded and arrange for a supply teacher to be in school to look after your child.

If you are expecting your child to go, you do not need to do anything at this point – Mrs Day will send a letter out nearer the time. A huge thank you too, to our PTFA who generously fund the coaches for the trip saving parents approximately half of the cost.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Dates	Time	Event	People involved
20.11.19	All day	Year 3 visit to Roald Dahl Museum	Year 3 children & staff
28.11.19	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.	PTFA Christmas Shopping Evening	Everyone!
28.11.19	TBC	Year 2 Balance Festival	Year 2 team & Mel
29.11.19	All day	Occasional Day	School closed
5.12.19	a.m.	Panto!	Children & Staff
11.12.19	p.m.	Reception Dress rehearsal	Children & staff
11.12.19	a.m.	Year 1 Dress rehearsal	Children & staff
11.12.19	a.m.	KS 2 Dress Rehearsal	Children & Staff
12.12.19	10.30 a.m.	Reception Play	Children, Parents & Staff
12.12.19	2.15 p.m.	Year 1 Play	Children, Parents & Staff
12.12.19	7.00 p.m.	KS 2 Plays	Children, Parents & Staff
13.12.19	p.m.	Years R, 1 & 2 Party	Children & Staff
13.12.19	7.00 p.m.	KS 2 Plays	Children, Parents & Staff
17.12.19	a.m.	Year 2 & 6 Service with School	Children & Staff
	6.30 p.m.	Year 2 & 6 Service with Parents	Children, Parents & Staff
17.12.19	12.15 p.m.	Christmas Lunch	Children, Staff & volunteer parents
18.12.19	10.00 a.m.	Nursery Play	Children, Parents & Staff
18.12.19	p.m.	Years 3 & 4 Party	Children & Staff
19.12.19	p.m.	Year 5 & 6 Party	Children & Staff
20.12.19	a.m.	Nursery Party	Children & Staff
20.12.19	1.15	Term ends	Everyone!