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Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, well done for braving the rain this week - we tried to get the children in as quickly as possible during the morning showers but I know we had a few soggy children! We had a wonderful celebration assembly today in KS1 with our Year 2 Penguin class telling us about their learning and singing a Bonfire Night song to remind us to keep safe around fireworks!

Focus on Positive Pupil Mental Health and Wellbeing

On Monday, whilst school was closed to children, staff had an excellent training day provided by Trauma Informed Schools UK (<https://www.traumainformedschools.co.uk/>) Teachers and support staff explored the best way to support children and young people to manage their emotions and behaviours in order to maintain good mental health. This also ties in with our approaches to behaviour support in school and is contributing to a review of our Behaviour Support Policy during the course of this year.

The training is part of our ongoing plan to develop positive wellbeing in our children as we know the impact this will have on learning, behaviours and for life-long health. This is a key aspect of our school development plan this year as we aim to become a Trauma Informed School and gain the School Mental Health award in the near future.

Autumn Term Reports and Parents Meetings

In the last few days you have been sent information about our parents meetings which are taking place on Wednesday and Thursday in school. In these meetings you will receive your child's Autumn report and have a chance to look at workbooks. Details have been sent today of how to book your appointment time with your class teacher. Please make sure that you sign up to a slot so that you can find out about how your child is doing in school.

Staffing Updates

Welcome Miss Liddell

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the teaching team to Miss Lucy Liddell who has taken over as teacher in our Year 3 Chameleon class while Mrs O'Leary is on maternity leave. Miss Liddell already knows school quite well as she spent time in our Year 1 Seahorses class last summer term. I am sure she will be a fantastic addition to our team.



Mr Murray - moving on

Sadly, I have to let you know that Mr Murray, our expert IT technician and cover teacher, will be leaving us at the end of next week. He has been a great asset to our school over the last few years, helping with all things computing! Mr Murray's last day will be on Friday 11th November and I know that he will be very much missed by pupils and staff - we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours.

Upcoming Events in School

Poppy appeal



This year, we will once again be supporting the British Legion Poppy appeal by selling their fundraising goods in school. We will be selling them before school and at play times from Monday 7th November. As well as poppies, we have some extra items and there is a suggested donation of 50p for the zip pulls and reflector poppies, and £1 for the wristbands and slap bands. Please ensure your child has the correct money for any purchase as we cannot give change easily.

In school, we will be coming together in the hall at 11.00am on Friday 11th for a short remembrance service and minute's silence.

National Anti-bullying week

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

We will be celebrating Anti-bullying week, commencing 14th November, with a number of activities in school. This is an important topic so we are having a week-long focus following the theme for this year which is '**Reach Out**' to encourage children to ask for help. Other activities and discussions are planned throughout the week so please encourage your children to talk about their learning during this time.



To launch the week, we will be asking children to wear odd socks on Monday 14th November. Any odd socks will do but silly, bright and colourful socks are very welcome!



Children in Need

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

During Anti-bullying week, on **Friday 18th November, we will be celebrating Children In Need 2022** by going '**Bold and Bright**'. This will be a non-uniform event where the children are asked to come to school in bright and colourful clothes. face paints and bright and colourful hair are also encouraged! We kindly ask for a suggested donation of 50p or above. Please visit ParentPay to make your chosen donation. Let's make Children In Need 2022 a year to remember!

Reminders

Parking on Hastings Terrace and Tracey Court

We have received some complaints from residents and road users around Hastings Terrace and Tracey Court who are, yet again, often unable to access their driveways due to parents/carers parking without care at drop off and pick up times. Please NEVER park over the entrance to Tracey Court. This week, we have seen Hastings Terrace completely blocked and impassable due to cars being double parked in the road. This is not only dangerous around a school but really inconsiderate of other road users. School will report cars to the local police if highway rules are broken.

Food Bank Information

Accompanying this Newsletter is a flyer with information about the wider services that our local Food Bank is offering. Please take a time to look at the courses and services on this flyer - thanks to Mrs Harris, our PSA, who has put this information together to send out today.

Term Dates for your Diary

These are some of the remaining dates for this term:

07/11/2022	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations Foundation to Year 6
wc 14/11/2022	National Anti-bullying Week
14.11.2022	Odd Socks for Anti-bullying
18/11/2022	Children in Need Day - 'Bright and Bold' clothes
09/11/22 & 10/11/12	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings
17/11/2022	School Photographer - Individual Children photos
22/11/2022	Y6 Parents Meeting - Residential (2.45pm)
25/11/2022	Year 1 visit to Central Library (pm)
05/12/2022	Y5 Dolphin class to Aquarium
06/12/2022	Y5 Orca class to Aquarium

	STAR LEARNER	PAT ON THE BACK
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Year 1	Leyland S / Julia A	
Year 2	Melissa H / Reggie F	
Year 3		Ethan L / Shabat T
Year 4		Luca P / Maddison A
Year 5		Layla A / Reuben D
Year 6		Mike B / AJ D

Enjoy Bonfire Night and the fireworks! We will see you all on Monday.



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