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5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

We have had a successful and positive return to school following the half term break. Children have enjoyed beginning new topics and learning as we continue our journey through the autumn term.

We have quite a packed 6 weeks ahead and look forward to sharing our work, learning and events with you.

## Children in Need



We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. For a donation of your choice, children can wear Children in Need t-shirts or a t-shirt / top displaying spots or something yellow for the day. Please ensure clothing is suitable for PE for children in classes 1/2S, 2V, 3/4H and 4S. Can we remind parents, due to COVID-19 windows and doors are being kept open in classrooms, so please ensure your child will be warm enough in their chosen outfit. Staff will have a collection box for parents to drop money in. For Years 5 and Years 6, children can bring money in and drop it their class coin collection box. Thank you for your support.

## Remembrance

All children in school will take part in an act of Remembrance next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am to show their respects and understanding.



## Online Safety

Can we please remind all parents and carers to continue to be vigilant and to monitor their child's usage of the internet and what they may be exposed to without intention.

There is currently a YouTube video in circulation which includes someone dressed as Santa and is encouraging children to be physically harmful to themselves and others, stating that the more people they hurt the more presents they will receive. Unfortunately, there is no way of searching for the video as it appears as a pop up on YouTube whilst you are watching another video. This also means that parental controls will not prevent this.

## Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week - 15th November

As a school, we are committed to supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of our pupils. As part of this, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2021 and the theme 'One Kind Word', emphasising the positive impact a small gesture or comment can have on someone else's day. On Monday 15th November we will mark the importance of supporting this week and raising awareness of bullying by wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Please note, we are not asking for any cash donations; but if you would like to donate to the cause please visit: [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk) for more information.



The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

### **After school clubs**

Please remember that places at sports clubs continue to run until Christmas. It may be that this unfortunately clashes with another club but children will have the opportunity to make an alternative choice after Christmas.

THANK YOU for your patience and support as we ensured all children were collected safely after clubs this week. A few clubs run on the same evenings and it would be beneficial for parents/carers to be grouped in order to support dismissing children quickly.

Could we suggest the following spaces for parents to wait;

#### **Tuesday**

Drawing – to the left of main reception next to the nurse wall

Sign language – to the right of main reception

Sports - towards the back in front of the bike sheds

Board games – children will leave through Miss Sharratt's classroom door.

#### **Wednesday**

TTRS – towards the back right in front of the bike sheds

Sports – towards the back left in front of the bike sheds

Film – to the right of main reception

Lego – to the left of main reception next to the nurse wall

Children who attend film club will watch a U or PG rating film then discuss and review their thoughts and opinions about it as a group. Popcorn will be provided to add to the whole film review experience. Please ensure you are happy with this before signing up for film club.

### **Dates for your diary**

11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance

WB 15<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying week

15<sup>th</sup> November – Odd socks day

19<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

7<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations

10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

17<sup>th</sup> December – 3.15pm finish for the Christmas break



For Maths Week this week, we are taking part in Times Table Rockstars' competition - England Rocks! The competition is open 7:30am - 7:30pm daily from Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November! When children practise their times tables, they will earn points for their class. Certificates will be awarded to the top-scoring individual and the top scoring class. The winning class will also earn themselves a prize!

**GOOD LUCK!!!!!!**

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## Goodbye and Good Luck

We are sad to have said goodbye to Mrs Wakefield before the half term break. She thoroughly enjoyed working in year 5/6L and will miss the children and school greatly.

We also gave our very best wishes to a member of our kitchen team who had worked at the school for almost 30 years. Deb will be a great loss to the team and I'm sure she will miss serving peas, potatoes and dessert to our wonderful children!

## Attendance

JP	98.6%
CL	95.8%
1C	98.6%
1/2S	94.6%
2V	96.7%
3B	96.1%
3/4H	95.1%
4S	97.5%
5J	97.5%
5/6L	94.4%
6W	95.2%

Congratulations to all those classes with a percentage above our school target of 97% and a special congratulations to **Reception class JP and Class 1C** who had the highest percentage this week!

We wish you all a happy weekend and please do keep safe if you are enjoying a bonfire or firework display.



Kind regards,

Mrs R Taylor  
Interim Headteacher