



Newsletter

Autumn term

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Dear Parents and Carers

The children enjoyed a fabulous outdoor learning week with a Geography focus last week, culminating in each class showcasing their learning and experiences in our Friday celebration assembly. Reception classes shared their floor book which showed photos and examples of their learning around the school grounds and beyond. The classes in KS1 explained how they used directional language and developed their compass skills as they navigated different journeys and KS2 children demonstrated how they used Digimaps to create their own maps of the local area. Well done to everyone.

It is lovely that we are now able to mix and participate in sports events again as these competitions form part of our PE curriculum. Year 2 classes represented the school well at the tournament held at Mark Rutherford School last week; unfortunately, several children were absent that day and missed out on the fabulous experience, however, those children that attended had a great time!!

Today we heard from two KS2 children who shared their own experiences of Divali and showed photos of their family celebrations using very well prepared powerpoints. Thank you very much!

We have unfortunately had a dip in attendance over the last week or so, therefore, can we please remind you that, unless your child is really unwell, they should be in school, on time every day. Holidays should not be booked for term time and fines for this may be incurred. Thank you.

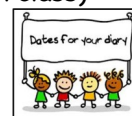
We held a one minutes silence today in school to acknowledge Remembrance Day. Thank you for your generosity with donations to the British Legion Poppy Appeal, we have sent the collecting boxes off for counting and will let you know how much we raised.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Headland

Diary Dates

- 18th Nov—Children in Need
- 23rd Nov—Mobile Library (Year 3-6)
- 29th Nov—Height & Weight Measure (Year 6)
- 29th Nov—Teaching Talons (Reception class)
- 7th Dec—Christmas Dinner
- 16th Dec—Last day of term.



Attendance

A big well done to Eagles class this week with 98.1% attendance and Kingfishers last week with 96.8%. The whole school attendance is 96% but we are aiming for 98%!



Forest School

We had our first toddler forest school session last Friday afternoon. The group of adventurous children and their grown ups enjoyed exploring the forest with their forest school cameras, read a story together at base camp, searched for forest school treasures and relaxed in the woodland hammocks. This week the group built shelters for our woodland friends using natural resources, and larger shelters using other materials. They all earned their shelter badge this week. Well done!



If you missed out this half term, please look out for a ParentMail advising when bookings are open for next half term.

Medical Evidence

If your child is absent from school for more than 3 days, you may be asked for some medical evidence in the form of a Doctors appointment text / letter or photo of prescribed medicine bottle etc. Thank you.



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Mobile Library

This week we had our first opportunity to visit the mobile library. Those children who returned their completed membership forms before half term were handed their library cards today and were welcomed on board and shown around by Cliff the librarian. Cliff will be re-visiting us every two weeks and all borrowed books will need to be returned after a maximum of four weeks.



Those children who have returned their membership forms since the half term break will receive their library cards and be able to visit on 23rd November.



Christmas Celebration

As part of our Christmas celebrations this year, the children are performing an outside concert on the school amphitheater. We will host two performances: Wednesday 14th December and Thursday 15th December 3.45pm - 4.30pm. Spaces are limited to two adults per family, with tickets costing £1 each. Each ticket will guarantee entry and provide visitors with a mince pie and a hot drink. Please note: you will only be able to attend one performance. If you would like to attend the concert, we are welcoming visitors to school from 3pm onwards. The children will stay with their class teachers until pick up at 4.30pm. If you are unable to attend the concert, please ensure you make arrangements for your child to be collected at 4.30pm. Tickets will be sold via ParentMail on the payments option- the link will open on Monday 14th November at 7pm and it will close on Wednesday 7th December at 11.30pm. Tickets will be sent home closer to the performances.



Hudsons Plant Centre Ltd

We'd like to give a huge shout out to Hudsons Plant Centre, Willington for their enormous generosity by donating our schools Christmas tree this year.



Milk in School

All children under the age of 5yrs are entitled to a daily cup of milk, free of charge. If your child is over 5yrs but would still like to receive a cup of milk during morning break, you can order and pay for it via www.Coolmilk.com.



Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bag2School challenge. We raised £68.00 for our much needed school funds. Your continued support is very much appreciated.



Dance Club

This week's Dance Club has been brilliant. Children have shown the value of keeping themselves safe along with lots of determination and self-belief. Miss Dear has been so impressed with the knowledge and skills shown in both KS1 and KS2 Dance Clubs. They have already started working on a fun, energetic routine to be able to show to the rest of the school. We do currently have a few more spaces available for KS2 dance club on Thursdays so please feel free to contact the office if you are interested. We would love to have all your talents involved.



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