

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 5. I hope you all had a wonderful half term break (which now feels like a distant memory) and enjoyed the time away from school. It was so lovely to come back into school last Tuesday and hear all about the adventures of the children, who were eager to share their stories, and find out from other people what they had been doing. We have made such a wonderful start back to Term 2 and I love the way that the children have set themselves their targets for the coming weeks and are busy working on them in their learning. The progress that we are seeing from the children is incredible and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Parent Consultations next week.

Best Wishes, *Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)*

Open Afternoon

Thursday 29th November

1.30pm onwards

Last week, we welcomed lots of new, prospective parents into school for the Open Afternoon and this year, we would like to hold a further opportunity for those that were unable to attend. As such, the school will be holding our second Open Afternoon for **prospective parents** on the date above. If you know someone who is looking to send their child to school, in Reception, from next September, please do not hesitate to let them know about this date.

Parent Meeting Dates



Our parent consultations for each child will take place on 14th and 15th November from 3.30pm-6pm. It will be at this meeting that we will be informing you of your child's initial progress this term as well as how we have assessed their attendance, attitude, behaviour and readiness to learn. We are very much looking forward to sharing this information with you and we are very nearly at 100% sign up from parents, which is excellent-if you still need to make your appointment, please see the school office.

Flu Vaccine-Monday 19th November

Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are entitled to a nasal spray Flu Vaccine and this will be administered by the NHS on the date above. If you have sent your paperwork back to the NHS, nothing more needs to be done and your child will receive this on the date above from NHS nurses.

Anti-Bullying Week-Next Week!

Odd Socks Day-Monday 12th November



Next week, (w/c 12th) is Anti-Bullying Week and we will be using this as a mechanism for discussing issues with the children and ensuring they understand what they need to do in order to recognise bullying as well as how to tell relevant adults in order to stamp it out.

Within class, we will be undertaking drama, song, artwork, writing and much more linked around the bullying theme.

To start the week, we are encouraging children, parents and staff to wear odd socks to promote the start of the week on Monday. We will not be asking for any money to fundraise for this and will use it to promote the messages of the week. The national theme this year for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Choose Respect'.



Fantastic Fireworks!



Our fireworks night was such a wonderful event with a fantastic family feel throughout the evening. We had so many visitors to the school, raising a phenomenal £1300 profit! This is the best event yet and we have so many people to thank for helping make the evening such a success.

Please join the school in saying a big thank you to all of the PTFA and their helpers and the 'firework men', who without them, there wouldn't be a show and not least each and every parent, family and community member who attended for supporting the school and making the event such a spectacular evening!

Poppy Donations



Thanks to all who donated to the Royal British Legion via the Poppies that we have had in school this week. We held our own enrichment day today to commemorate Armistice Day and there were some wonderful pieces of art created by the whole school which will be shared on Twitter. Please can we also say a big thank you to Mr Clark-Monk, ex-service personnel, for giving up his time on this very important day to come and speak with the children in worship and lead us in a 2 minute silence. We also had visits from Mr Cave and Mrs Whitmore, current service personnel who spent time in classes and discussed their roles and responsibilities with the children.

Children in Need 2018 *16th November*



On Friday 16th November, we are inviting children to come to school dressed in non-uniform with a £1 donation to the charity and any donations of cakes.

We will be holding a cake sale so please send any money/cakes into school with your child so they can participate if you wish. Thank you in advance, we look forward to seeing the children going spotty and dotty for Children in Need.

Dates for Christmas Festivities



We have been busy sorting out the arrangements for our Christmas Festivities and whilst we are only in early November, we wanted to give you advance notice of these dates so you can make any arrangements in advance.

12th December at 1.45pm- KS1 Christmas Performance (more details to follow)

13th December at 1.45pm- KS1 Christmas Performance (more details to follow)

14th December PM-Christmas Fayre (time TBC)

17th December PM-KS2 Christmas Service in Church

18th December at 10am-EYFS Christmas Spectacular to parents

18th December-Christmas Lunch (available to book via Good Looking Cooking)

18th December- Class Christmas Parties (PM)- children can bring a change of clothes

19th December -Pantomime Trip to Grantham Guildhall (Whole School)-letter sent out this week.

20th December-Last Day of Term-school closes at the usual time.

PTFA Diary Dates

In addition to the whole school dates seen to the right of this information, PTFA have also sent their own dates for events out to parents this week and we look forward to the exciting events taking place.

PE Kits

On the previous newsletter, we reminded you of the need to send a warm coat and additional PE kits, we still have children who do not have these and we are asking that ALL children have their coats every day as well as an outside PE kit comprising of track-suit bottoms and a warm top as well as a pair of trainers to wear outdoors.