



Friday 9th November 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Remembrance Day

Today in a special Remembrance Day assembly we focused upon remembering the end of WWI – 100 years ago and had a very thoughtful assembly where we talked about the symbolism of wearing poppies at this time of year and on the significance of the Last Post. Junior children participated in a special remembrance live lesson, together with children across the country at 2pm. And nursery & reception pupils participated in a range of activities around remembrance today.

Diwali

Nursery and reception class have been exploring the Hindu Diwali celebration in their learning activities this week and pupils have been learning about the tradition of Rangoli patterns, Diya lamps and the story of Rama and Sita. They have also been making comparisons between the traditions of this celebration and their experiences of other cultural and religious celebrations. A big thank you to parent Bini for coming to visit reception class to teach them about her experience of Diwali. Happy Diwali to all our Hindu families!

Anti-Bullying Week – 12th – 16th November Choose Respect

The theme for this year's anti-bullying week beginning next week is all about respect. The idea of this focus is to enable children to explore and really understand the meaning of respect in a whole range of contexts. Steph our Y1 teacher and PSHE leader will be launching anti-bullying in a 'choose respect' assembly on Monday and classes will be participating in activities around this theme which they will then feedback in our Friday sharing assembly. Please talk to your children about 'choose respect' next week.



On Monday 12th children are invited to wear *odd socks!!* The idea is to highlight that everyone is different and we celebrate uniqueness.

We are also selling 'choose respect' wristbands at the office for 50p.

Children in Need – Friday 16th November



Children are invited to come in to school wearing spotty or stripey clothes and pay £1 towards Children in Need.

Class assemblies

Class assemblies are at 10:15am. The office will open the doors to the foyer at 10:05am for parents/carers to wait to be taken through to the hall.

15 th November	Year 2
22 nd November	Year 1

Attendance Matters

It's that time of year again where children are catching coughs and colds, however, most of the time when children are only mildly unwell they can continue to attend school.

Early morning aches and pains often pass, so we encourage you to bring your child to school. Also a child can attend school with a slight cold and cough or where they complain of a slight headache. Tell the office how your child is feeling and they will let the class teacher know. School will phone you if your child continues to feel unwell during the day.

Individual & Sibling photos

Orders to be placed by Tuesday 20th November 2018. Late orders will incur a charge.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen, Headteacher

Halloween Disco – Spooky Success

Thank you to everyone who came to the Halloween Disco before the half term break. Once again, the school was transformed with spooky corridors, glowing pumpkins and a disco in the hall.

A highlight for many was a visit to the witch's grotto in the playground where children could cast a spell over a bubbling cauldron. Thank you to our resident witches Kat (Mum to Mario in Y5 and Aris in Y1) and Julie (Mum to Miles in Nursery).

Thank you to the children for all their wonderful pumpkin lanterns. There were so many creative and clever designs. Congratulations to our four pumpkin winners: Daisy in Reception; Mary in Year 2; Aran in Year 2 and John in Year 6. We hope you enjoy your science kits over half term.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who worked so hard to make the evening happen. We made just under £700 for the school. Spooktacular!

FoG Bowling night Thursday 15th November

Join us for a fun night of bowling at Rowans Bowl. Put together a team of up to 8 people, or just register and we can put you in a team with others. If you don't like bowling, don't worry, you can just come along to chat with fellow parents and cheer on the strikes!

Tickets are £10pp for 1 game (includes a small contribution to FOG).

Arrive at 7.30 for an 8pm start

If you would like to show off your Homer Simpsonsque bowling qualities then please let Louisa know or email FOGbowling@gmail.com



How parents/carers can help their child have good attendance

Good attendance at school is the single most important factor in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

- Make sure your child arrives at school on time, every day.
- Show an interest, attend school events and ask about what your child is doing at school.
- Encourage your child to take part in school activities.
- Don't let your child take time off school for minor ailments.
- Where possible, make appointments after school, at weekends or during school holidays. Remember, a morning appointment does not mean a whole day of absence. Bring your child back to school in the afternoon.
- Take family holidays during school holiday time only.
- Encourage your child to tell you about any problems they may have at school. Find out regularly your child's attendance and absence record.
- Acknowledge, praise and reward good or improved attendance, even small successes.

"Young children don't play truant from school, they are off because their parents allow it."

Charlie Taylor
Government's expert advisor on
attendance and behaviour