



17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday we held our annual **Remembrance Day** assembly. The children were respectful and listened well. They then all walked back to class via the beautiful display of doves in the main entrance. Every child from Nursery upwards had contributed to this display and it was lovely to see the individual contributions assembled so beautifully. Thank you to Ms Sultan for producing such a lovely display again this year.



We were treated on Tuesday morning this week to a class assembly from Year 1 and it was lovely to have so many parents and carers join us – the hall was very full. The children clearly retold the story of Mr Big, a book they have been using in their English lessons recently and entertained us with a song about rhythm. Well done Year 1!

This week has also been **Anti-bullying week** with the theme 'Make a noise about bullying'. The children had an assembly on Monday to introduce the theme and have also been completing learning in class during PSHCE sessions to further support their understanding. There is also a whole school homework coming home today so please do look out for this.



### Children in Need

Today is Children in Need Day and we have had lots of children contributing a £1 to wear spots and support this annual fund-raising event. The school council have also organised a 'guess the name' activity that will help raise some additional funds during the day. Thank you for your support for this event.

### Farm visit

Nursery and Reception children were very excited recently when a Farm came to school for the day. They were able to go out onto our field and enjoy meeting all the animals that came to visit, along with the farm dog too.



### Reminders

Water bottles - Please remember that all children should bring a refillable water bottle to school with them every day. This should only ever contain water (i.e. no juice or fizzy drinks)

Packed lunches - please note that we ask children to take their packed lunch rubbish home with them. This is so that parents and carers can see what their child has/hasn't eaten and ensures that food packaging can be washed and recycled where possible. Unfortunately, we often find uneaten food in the waste bin e.g. whole pieces of fruit, untouched sandwiches etc. which is why we are encouraging any uneaten items to go home.

### Class Flags

During our recent PSHCE sharing assembly each of the classes shared their class flag. Our theme across the last half term was 'Settle in to learn' and as part of this each year group thought about what makes their class special as well as deciding how they can learn and play together well across the year. They used these ideas to design and create a flag to represent their class and the

agreements they had made. In assembly some children from each class shared their class flags and told us why they had chosen their colours, images and words. Year 1 then showed us all how to use sign language to communicate our four golden rules! The flags look amazing and demonstrate great care and understanding of what it means to be part of a class community. The children are rightly very proud of them. The flags will be displayed centrally in the school hall later this term so we hope you will be able to see them when you are in school.



### Christmas Dinner, Pantomime, Performances ...

The next few weeks are always very busy in school, and I am conscious that lots of letters and information came out to you in the last week or so. I thought it might be useful to provide a reminder of dates and responses required. Thank you to parents for your permissions and payments so far.

28 <sup>th</sup> November	Wreath Making workshop in evening	See PA Newsletter for details
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Choir performance at Abbey 10.30am	Permission & payment on Arbor
28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> November	Nativity Trail @ St Pauls for Y1, YR, Y2	No action required – local visit
30 <sup>th</sup> November	2.30pm Year 2 performance to parents	Google form for seat requests*
1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.15am Year 2 performance to parents	Google form for seat requests*
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fun Run	See PA Newsletter for details
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 to the Science Museum	Permission & payment on Arbor
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 12-30pm	See PA Newsletter for details
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Piano Concerts – in morning	Details from Cynthia Millinger
13 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.15am	Google form for seat requests
15 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Performance 9.15am	Google form for seat requests
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner in school	Google form for choices
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Festive non-uniform day	£1 contribution to PA
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime trip for YR – Y6	Permission & payment on Arbor
19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term for Nursery children	
20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term for school @ 1.30pm	

The google forms to request seats at the Year 2 and EYFS performances will come out today. We will also keep the website updated with key dates.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.  
With best wishes

Sharon Barton  
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