



Newsletter – Friday 10th November 2023

First of all I would like to praise the children for their fantastic attitude during the various events for Remembrance Day this week, including practising their 2 minutes silence with our ex-services visitor on Wednesday, the school council attending a special event to remember ex Holgate pupils killed during the war at Shaw Lane Sports Club on Thursday, and the service for Year 5 and 6 at the war memorial on Friday. The children have shown not only great respect for the occasion, but also a genuine interest in learning more.

I'd also like to thank the Year 6 pupils who gave up their time before and after school every day this week to sell poppies and poppy merchandise for the Royal British Legion; they have done a tremendous job! Thank you also to everyone who donated – we will let you know the amount raised when we find out in a few weeks.

Parent Teacher Meetings- Wednesday 15th November

Next week we have the first parent-teacher meetings taking place where you will be able to discuss how your child has settled in, their attitude to learning and their behaviour in class. The appointments booking system is open until 12pm on Tuesday 14th November. In the area outside the hall we will have last half-term's lost property out to be re-united with its owners, a selection of pre-loved uniform for sale and also any books remaining from the library book-sale.

Children in Need - Friday 17th November

Next Friday it's Children in Need and as usual we will be inviting children to come to school in non-uniform and make a donation to the Children in Need appeal if possible.

House Teams

As you may know, each half-term, the house with the most Dojo points wins a special treat. Last half term the winning house was Team Ocean (Blue Team) who will be enjoying a biscuit decorating (and eating) treat on Monday morning. We will be having the first of our inter-house sports competitions next Tuesday, where children representing the four colour houses will take part in a tennis competition – we'll let you know which team wins in next week's letter.

EYFS Parents Speech and Language Training Session-Tuesday 21st November 9–10 am

Ms Bailey has arranged a training session for parents of all EYFS children on the development of early speech and language skills. The session will cover the development of speech and language skills from birth to 5 years, why speech, language and communication skills are important and ways to help your child's speech and language development at home. The session is aimed at all parents/carers, not just those whose children have speech and language needs or have been referred to LINGO/NHS speech and language. If you would like to attend this training session please confirm your attendance with the office so we know the number of parents who will be attending.

Important Dates

Please see below the list so far of dates for the diary. All the children will also be taking part in an Elf run in December to raise money for Barnsley Hospice. The date for this will be weather dependant and we will let you know when it is taking place a couple of days in advance but details of how to fundraise/donate will be coming out soon.

Friday 17th November

- Children in Need (children can come in non-uniform)

Monday 20th November

- Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew (arrive at school by 8.20am)

Tuesday 21st November

- EYFS Parents Speech and Language Training Session (9–10 am)

Monday 4th December

- EYFS Christmas pantomime in school (PM)

Wednesday 13th December

- EYFS Nativity performance (PM)

Thursday 14th December

- EYFS Nativity performance (AM)
- Foodbank collection

Friday 15th December

- Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Monday 18th December

- KS1 party (Year 1 and 2)

Tuesday 19th December

- EYFS party

Wednesday 20th December

- Upper KS2 party (year 5 and 6)

Thursday 21st December

- Lower KS2 (years 3 and 4)

Friday 22nd December

- KS2 Christingle service (church) we are hoping families will be able to attend this year.
- EYFS/KS1 carols (hall)