

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the school,

Welcome back everyone; it has been great to see you all on the playground this week. It is only a seven week half term so it's pleasing to see that the pupils have settled back into their learning.

A big welcome to our new families who have joined our lovely school this week.

The British Legion Poppy Appeal

As part of teaching children British Values, once again we will be supporting the British Legion's 2022 Poppy Appeal. For a small donation, we will shortly be selling poppies and other branded items. All money raised goes directly to help serving service personnel, veterans, and their families. In school, we will be presenting our Remembrance Assembly and a minute silence, to remember all those who fought, not only in the two World Wars, but also the 12,000 British Servicemen and women who have been killed or injured since 1945.

School dinners

With the colder weather now fast approaching, a wide variety of tasty & nutritious hot meals are available if your child would like something warm to eat at lunchtime. If you would like to change your child on to school meals, please contact the school office. Menus are on the school website under 'Parent Information – Lunch', if you would like to view at home with your child.

Safeguarding at hometime

Recently, there has been an increase in families arranging for someone different to collect their children, without notifying school. This has led to some awkward and at times, uncomfortable conversations for my staff.

We cannot let any child go home with a different adult unless you have contacted the school office and informed them of the change.

I'm sure you appreciate the importance of ensuring a safe 'handover' at the end of the school day. Your cooperation is appreciated, thanks.

Catch up tutoring reminder

You will have received a letter from school, last term, if your child is eligible for catch up tutoring after school. Unfortunately we have not had many reply slips back and the sessions start this week.

Please let the office team know if you do not want your child to take part in catch up tutoring so that we can allocate this valuable place to another pupil in school.

Let the festivities begin!

November is the time when our pupils start their rehearsals for various Christmas concerts. This year we will be inviting parents in to watch some of the concerts, whilst others will be recorded and viewed on our website. Our annual Christmas decorating event will definitely take place; it just wasn't the same without parents last year!

My Department Leaders will shortly be writing to their families in order to provide further details of the upcoming festivities and how to obtain tickets for concerts.

Punctuality

Yes I know it is hard to drag ourselves out of bed these dark mornings. I too, have to tackle my own children every morning who regularly refuse to get up. However it is important that our children get to school on time. I have noticed recently more families waiting in the office area to sign their children in late. We are currently monitoring this situation and will be contacting certain families who are regular repeat offenders.

A special thank you to all those families who get to school on time! We really do appreciate your support.

Please don't forget to check out our school's Facebook page for current learning, important information and special events.

Diary Dates

Monday, Tuesday and

Thursday

After-school clubs:

Craft club
Choir
Dance club
Lego club
Multi-sports club
Cookery club
Karate
KS2 Girls football
Sewing club
Computer club
Library time
Tutoring groups

Monday 7th November

Nursery open day.

Monday 14th November

Anti-bullying week – practical workshops across school.

Thursday 17th November

Phonics parents' meeting at 9am – more details to follow.
New to Reception tour at 4.30pm.

Monday 21st November

Rocksteady music concert at 1.15pm.

Friday 25th November

Reception's Decoration Morning – parents invited from 9.15am – 10.15am.
Years 3 and 4 Decoration Afternoon – parents invited from 2.15pm – 3pm.

Monday 28th November

Years 1 and 2 Decoration Morning – parent's invited from 9.15am-10.15am.
Years 5 and 6 Decoration Afternoon – parents invited from 2.15pm – 3pm.