

Message from the Deputy Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very productive week in school this week and class teachers have really enjoyed speaking to you all during your parents evening appointments. It is always lovely to share the children's progress with their parents so thank you to those of you who engaged with parents evening this week.

All classes have been thinking about Remembrance Day this week and each class has created a poppy wreath as a part of their lessons. The wreaths will be put together for a display in school. Wreaths from Year R, Year 3 and Year 4 are shown in this newsletter. We also marked the event with a whole school assembly yesterday at 11am where we observed a 2 minute silence to show our respect.

Year 4 had a fantastic day on Monday as they had a visit from the Ministry of Chocolate, where they learned about the origins of chocolate and where it is farmed around the world. They were also lucky enough to conduct some chocolate tasting and created their chocolates at the end of the day.

KS2 took part in a Battle of the Bands on TT Rockstars, where they competed to score points through their knowledge of multiplication facts. It was a hard fought battle across all classes taking part, but the ultimate winners were 5FR. Well done to KS2 and particularly 5FR. Please encourage your children to access TT Rockstars at home as this will support their knowledge of multiplication and will support them with problem solving within maths lessons.

We are always looking for ways to reward and recognise positive behaviours around school and as a result we have started to look for children who are going 'Over and Above'. This might be through helping a friend or attempting something particularly challenging. We will be recognising these acts of excellence by adding the children's names to a board outside my office. We are looking forward to sharing with the whole community just how many of our children go 'Over and Above' every day. In light of

that, a special well done goes to Phoebe in Year 6 who has created a poster and information sheet about the importance of protecting trees in a bid to support the halt of climate change. Phoebe worked on her poster at home and was inspired by the recent COP26 conference, we've attached her poster to the newsletter to share this important message. Well done Phoebe!

Mrs Wood
Head Teacher

Attendance News:

For the academic year our attendance target is 7%. As a school we monitor attendance daily to ensure that pupils in school and making the most of the learning opportunities on offer and make expected progress during the year.

Whole School Attendance: 96.1%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.2%	94.3%	93.8%	96.8%	95.2%	93.3%

Uniform and PE kit

Please ensure that your child is coming to school wearing the correct uniform including a school tie and a school jumper. Please ensure that PE is navy or black joggers or shorts and a **plain** t-shirt and jumper/hoodie.

Head Lice

We have been made aware of a case of nits within school. Please ensure that you check your child regularly and treat if necessary.

Dental and Optician Appointments

Routine dental and optician appointments for pupils should be made outside of school time. We can only approve absence for hospital appointments and emergency appointments (evidence will need to be provided), all other absence will be unauthorised.

Collection from after school clubs

If your child is attending an after school activity club please remember that your child will need collecting at 4.15pm from the KS2 gate. Due to the darker nights we cannot allow children to walk home alone.

Great Fire of London – Year 2

The Great Fire of Watergall all went to plan last Friday in Year 2 and the children got to witness their Tudor houses on Pudding Lane be set on fire. We were able to have fantastic discussions about how the people in 1666 would have felt. And how Thomas Farrinor, the baker who owned the bakery where it all started, would have felt. A very exciting experience for us to have shared.



Christmas Dinner Day

Please see the diary dates section for Christmas dinner day. Your child can come to school on their Christmas dinner day in their Christmas jumper if they wish, in exchange for £1 for Save the Children.

Diary Dates 2021/22

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19 th November	Children in Need
29 th November	School Council trip to Tallington Farm
15 th December	Christmas dinner day Rec/1/2/3
16 th December	Christmas dinner day 4/5/6
17 th December 1.30pm	Break up for Christmas
5 th January 2022	Return to school
6 th January 2022 9.30am	Prospective EYFS parents open session

Children In Need – Friday 19th November



On Friday 19th November, we will be fundraising for Children in Need as a school. In exchange for a £2 donation, we are inviting the children to come into school in 'Crazy Clothes' and to participate in a variety of Pudsey-themed activities. Crazy clothes could

include wearing lots of bright colours, lots of different patterns, clothes inside out or unexpected clothes on top of other clothes! If your child does not want to participate, they should come to school in their school uniform. If this is your child's PE session, their clothing should be appropriate for that lesson.

Remembrances day pictures



Questions of the week:

We are aware that sometimes it is tricky for children to talk to parents about their learning from the week or that sometimes you get the answer “nothing” for all school questions. Therefore, we are now going to provide a prompt question for each year group every week, so that you can ask your child and get them talking about their amazing learning.

	Prompt for learning question of the week
REC	Can you remember another name for the Hindu celebration Diwali?
Year 1	Have a look at some coins, how many can you identify
Year 2	Who was Christopher Wren and what did he do?
Year 3	Which two elements are used to make bronze?
Year 4	What is the main ingredient in milk chocolate?
Year 5	When is friction useful?
Year 6	Why was Mary chosen to be Jesus' Mother?

Dinner Menu w/c: 15th November

Monday	Sausage roll or meat free roll	Cookie
	Jacket potato with beans and cheese	Yoghurt or fruit
	Beans, peas, sweetcorn	Cheese and biscuits
Tuesday	Tomato and pasta bake	Apple Crumble and custard
	Ham roll	Yoghurt or fruit
	Bread, broccoli, green beans	Cheese and biscuits
Wednesday	Beef strips or Quorn fillet	Pancake with syrup
	Ham and cheese baguette	Yoghurt or fruit
	Roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrots, yorkshire and gravy	Cheese and biscuits
Thursday	BBQ chicken or BBQ Quorn	Orange vanilla muffin
	Tuna mayo vol au vent with salad	Fruit or yoghurt
	Rice, Sweetcorn	Cheese and biscuits
Friday	Fish fingers or Quorn dippers	Frozen yoghurt
	Bagel pizza	fruit
	Chips, beans, peas	Cheese and biscuits