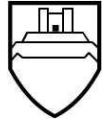




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Wednesday 7th November 2018

Dear All,

I would like to start the term by thanking everyone who attended the Harvest Festival, the Parents Evenings and the Cheese and Wine Evening combining the Governors' Report to Parents and the PTA AGM. It is so helpful to have such good support in all aspects of school life. If you wish to read the Chair of Governors Report on 2017/2018 it can be found on the school website.

I hope you had a good break. We have a very busy term ahead of us with lots to do and plenty of exciting things to look forward to.

Termly Topics: All Creatures Great and Small

Well done one and all! The Termly Topics were very impressive and the interest amongst our pupils in spiders, snakes and snails was evident! Certificates were given out before the holiday but I would like to give an extra mention to: **Ethan Ludlow, Nellie Ollivierre, Josh Mullins, Liam Moore, Henry Burnside, Matilda McAleese and Rory Young**, for their creativity when interpreting the theme. They have all been chosen for a special 'Creativity Award' to recognise their interesting and inspiring responses to 'All Creatures Great and Small'. Please do take a look at a small selection of the Termly Topics in the hall. They are on display at the Butterfly Class end of the room.

The Termly Topics are set for two main reasons. Firstly to cater for the split amongst families who prefer weekends free and those who want to do home learning at the weekend and keep the week nights free! We want you to be able to complete the written home learning when it is convenient to you. Secondly we are responding to research conducted by organisations such as the Sutton Trust which indicates that homework (unless designed carefully) has very little impact on pupil progress or creativity.

The focus of the weekly home learning is to read regularly and to actually learn facts (spellings and number facts) which need to be recalled quickly.

The Termly Topic for this term is anything based on the theme of '**RED, WHITE and BLUE**'. Be as creative with the theme as you like. The deadline for handing in topics is **FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2018**. This is compulsory for Y4, Y5 and Y6 and optional for all other year groups. Pupils in the younger year groups will need to ask their teacher for a book to complete the work Termly Topic in as they will not automatically be given one.

Poppy Appeal

The school has a collection tin for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available to children and parents on the playground before school during the school day and after school. We do ask that children make at least a 20p donation. The school will mark Remembrance with a moment of silence and reflection at 11am on Friday 9th November.



Remembrance / British Values Day

On Thursday 8th November the school is holding a 'whole school topic day'. The morning will be spent learning about Remembrance Day and during the afternoon we will focus on 'British values'. As a school we have a duty "to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs." We do this every day in the way we live our lives in school. However, we thought it would be good to spend a bit of time thinking about these themes in a more explicit way. The school's **'British Values Statement'** can be found on the school web-site.

Children in Need: Friday 16th November 2018

Mrs Davidson has very kindly persuaded Mrs Hobbs to make us a Pudsey Bear Cake despite the fact that all her grandchildren left the school last year! This amazing creation will be raffled before school, after Smiley Face Assembly, during lunch and play time. (We will also be selling tickets on the Thursday to get off to a sneaky start!)

Tickets cost 10p and all proceeds will be sent to the charity. To allow as many raffle tickets to be sold as possible the draw will take place near the end of the school day on Friday.

Kindest regards,

Kay Bridson

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIG-ZAG LINES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. PLEASE HELP TO KEEP ALL OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

Important deadlines:

Shoe- boxes: 15th November

Bags for School: 22nd November