

## Newsletter – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a super first week back with lots of smiling and enthusiastic children! It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents' evenings too; it is the first time in a while that we have been able to have a "normal" parents' evening without any Covid restrictions and it felt lovely to be able to have everyone in!



### **Bonfire Night:**

There has been lots of talk about bonfires and fireworks today and the children were reminded about how to stay safe around fire and fireworks, as well as doing some lovely Guy Fawkes themed activities this afternoon. Thank you to Imogen's Dad who has kindly provided some Firework Safety leaflets from the fire service for the children to bring home.

### **Remembrance:**

Next Friday is Remembrance Day and the children will be learning about and reflecting upon the meaning of this during next week. We will be selling poppies in school on Monday and Tuesday, so if children would like to bring in a donation for the Poppy Appeal and buy a poppy, they can do so on those two days. We do not have the range of different poppy themed items this year that we have had in the past, but just have the paper poppies available as shown in this picture.



### **Children in Need:**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, it is Children in Need Day and we will be supporting this charity once again in school this year. We are hoping to enjoy a **Spot-tacular** day having fun and helping to raise money for this really important cause, so we will be having a spot themed non-uniform day where children (and staff of course) can wear their own clothes and something spotty if they have it available. In order to raise money, we are asking children to bring in a small donation (suggestion of £1) to wear their own clothes that day. We will be doing a one mile walk around our school path too, with our older children supporting our younger ones, in order to keep active, which is also part of this year's theme.



### PTA News:

A huge well done to our PTA for being successful in their grant application from Aspatia and District Community Charity Association (ADCCA). We have received an **amazing £1000** to enable us to buy a purpose-built cooking trolley with cooker and equipment included. This will enhance our healthy school ethos and our Design and Technology curriculum, which is fantastic news!



So.... we are looking for new people to join our very friendly and welcoming PTA group, as many of the people who helped with this previously have children who have now moved on to secondary school and our lovely group would really like your help!

There are many ways you can help and you do not need to commit to everything. We need people who could come to short friendly meetings (tea, coffee, cake and childcare provided 😊) after school; people who could help out at events and lots of people with lots of bright ideas!

You can help to make our school an even better place for children to learn by helping to raise funds and strengthen our school community. If you would like to help out in any way at all, please speak to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Strickland, or myself and there will be a date for our next meeting (...remember.. tea, coffee ... cake... childcare...) coming out in the next couple of weeks.

I look forward to seeing you all there!!

### Christmas Performances:

Despite it only being the start of November, we are already thinking about the ways in which we will be celebrating and learning about Christmas at the end of this term. We have even begun practising a few Carols! This year we will be having a Nativity themed performance called "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel", performed by Nursery, Reception and KS1, which will be held in school, and we will be having a whole school Carol Service with KS2 leading the readings and some of the Carols. This will be held at the Church.

This year KS2 will be having their own performance in the summer term to ensure everyone gets a better chance to be involved more fully. Dates are below but more details will follow about both occasions.

### Dates for your diaries so far:

#### (More details and dates will follow)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4, 5 and 6 visit to Carlisle Vue Cinema

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Day (Non-uniform)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS / KS1 Christmas performance – Whoops-a-Daisy Angel

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Sands Pantomime trip

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2:45pm** – Carol Service at Church

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas party

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas at 3:30pm. After School Club will run until 4:30pm this day

Have a lovely weekend everyone, and if you are celebrating Bonfire Night, have a fantastic time!

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