



Newsletter 15th November 2024

Thank you to everyone for your warm wishes and friendly greetings welcoming me back into school – I am so glad to be back! Also a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Shildrick who did such a wonderful job leading the school in my absence.

Children in Need

We have had a very colourful and spotty day in school today with our Children in Need Celebrations. Thank you for all your support. Please visit the school Facebook page to see some photographs and follow the link if you would like to donate via our Just Giving page.

Home School Communication Changes and Parent Mail

Thank you so much for your patience as we transfer our home school communication system and our finance system in school. We are now sending all whole school letters and newsletters via email directly to parents rather than using MME. It is important that we have the correct email addresses for parents stored on our system as we have already come across several errors and occasions when parents have changed their email without notifying school. If you are not receiving emailed information

from school please contact the school office to check we have the correct contact details on file.

For the next few weeks, we will continue to send information on both platforms until the teething problems are ironed out. Going forwards we will continue to use MME for direct communication between teachers and parents for updated information on your child's achievements and day to day messages. Whole school letters and information will be sent via Parent Mail.

Remembrance Day

Our Y6 children made us so proud when they attended an event on Monday at the War Memorial close to school. It was a lovely service and our children joined in with the two minutes silence to remember the fallen at 11am. They sang beautifully at the end of the short service and brought a tear to my eye.



Thank you to everyone who bought poppies to support the Royal British Legion.

Nursery Stay and Play

Thank you to everyone who attended the nursery stay and play sessions on Wednesday. Such lovely activities planned for the children and it was great to see all their amazing creations. Thank you to Miss Johnson and her team who worked so hard to organise it and provide such wonderful snacks!

Parent Consultation

Thank you to everyone who came into school or met their child's teacher online to share their child's learning this week. In general, this was very well attended but we did have a number of no shows for booked appointments which obviously wastes staff time and inconveniences other parents. If you haven't yet spoken with your child's teacher can I urge you to contact them via email to make a telephone appointment. Working in partnership with school is proven to be an important factor in promoting and accelerating children's attainment and progress, it is a central part of our school ethos and essential to your child's success.



Christmas Performances

We are quickly approaching Christmas season in school and as you know we will host a number of amazing performances by some of our Year groups in school (Reception, Year 2, 4 and 6). Information on how to purchase tickets for these events will be sent home next week.

Please note that all morning performances will now start at **9.30am** and evening performances at **5.00pm**.

Christmas Calendar

This was sent home on email and Marvellous Me on Wednesday. If you would like a paper copy they can be collected from the school entrance.

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 20th November 3.15pm to 6.00pm

Thank you for all the remarkable donations of books and bottles for our upcoming Christmas Fayre. All donations are very gratefully received so if you would still like to donate send things in on Monday.



If you can, please come along with your children and support us next week. We have invited several local

craft businesses and will have a raffle, bottle tombola, Christmas Pocket Money stall, book stall and many more exciting things. We still have limited free tickets to visit Santa so visit the PT events website to book a slot as soon as possible.

pta-events.co.uk/barleyfields/

As our Fayre is an indoor event with pressure on space **we won't unfortunately be able to accommodate buggy's and prams inside school for fire safety reasons.** We would appreciate you leaving these at home or outside the school entrance areas. Entrance and exit to the Fayre to school will be via the main school key stage entrances.

Forest School

Our Reception children had a wonderful time toasting Marshmallows on the campfire last week in forest school. Mr Shildrick led the activity and talked to the children about firework safety.



Attendance - Autumn Term 1

Attendance and punctuality are both really important. Children who attend school on time and every day are far more likely to achieve their maximum potential. Unfortunately, the majority of our absences are due to unauthorised holidays in term term and parents should be aware of the changes in these procedures as outlined at the start of term. Education Welfare carefully monitor attendance patterns and work proactively with children and families when needed.

Our attendance last term was:

Whole school attendance	97.22%
Highest class attendance	
Y1 Mrs Weegarm	98%
Y1 Mrs Thompson	
Y2 Mrs Davage	
Y2 Mrs Baxter/Mrs Richardson	
Y2 Mrs Brand	
Y5 Miss Forster	
Y6 Miss Lumsden	

The school gate is opened from 8.30 – 8.40am. This is to reduce congestion entering school. Children are expected to be in school, seated at their desk, ready for learning by 8.45am, not arriving.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Taylor
Head Teacher

