



Newsletter

OCTOBER 2016



We are now approaching the end of our first half term and autumn is now with us...we can feel the nip in the air!

The children spend a great deal of time outside during playtimes and lunchtimes therefore, they now need to be fetching a warm coat to school.

We have had a very busy and enjoyable half term.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Our Harvest Festival took place here in school a couple of weeks ago and lots of parents came along to join in our celebrations. The children really enjoyed the morning and especially the pupils who visited the elderly residents to deliver produce donated to school. Thank you for being so generous.

Lovely service nice to see old traditions kept alive!

Reminds me of when I was at school, songs took me back!

As you are aware, we always have feedback sheets at every event held in school and we always take your comments very seriously.



The children had a fantastic time and they were a credit to the school.

Key Stage 2 children are going to Sheffield English Institute of Sport today to compete in another inter-trust event.

Let's hope they bring another trophy back with them!!

WEAR IT PINK DAY



researching the cure

I would like to thank you all for your support today as we all wore Pink to raise money for Cancer Research. Well Done!! We will inform you of the amount we raised after the holiday.

PUNCTUALITY and APPOINTMENTS

Attendance is very encouraging. However, Punctuality is an issue for some children.

After the October break we will be holding an Attendance sweep followed by internal panel meetings alongside the Education Welfare Department with some parents whose children have fallen into this category.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT CHILDREN SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT 8.40 (8.30 OR 12.30 FOR NURSERY CHILDREN).

We have changed the times of our morning assemblies now therefore learning begins immediately in all classes. If your child is late for school they are missing out on this valuable additional learning time.

Well done to all Parents of children who have 96.5% Attendance. Parents of children with 100% will be receiving a "well done" text from school.

We will be setting up an "Attendance Gang" very soon. This will be made up of children who have good

attendance to help promote good practice with their friends.

PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

It is with regret that I have to remind parents **once again** about parking outside of school.

It is illegal (AS WELL AS BEING IRRESPONSIBLE) to park so close to the school entrance on the Yellow markings and you could receive a fine from the police who have been informed and will be carrying out some spot checks.

We have also had some complaints about parking on the grass verge across from school and on corners.

It is your child's safety at risk!

Please park responsibly.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

As you are aware the Breakfast Bagels are very popular with the children and parents and I would like to express a "BIG THANKYOU" to the wonderful ladies who hand them out every morning.

However we do need more volunteers. If you are able to help us one morning per week from 8.30 to 8.45 it would be greatly appreciated.

As the moment we desperately need someone for Monday mornings following the October break but if you are available on other days we can work out a rota system.

If you can spare us a little of your time please let Mrs Wilkinson know.

WE  **VOLUNTEERS**



HEAD LICE

It would be very helpful if **ALL** parents could check their children over the half term to check for Head lice and treat them if need be.

If you need further advice please contact our school nurse Fiona on **08006126221** or your GP or local pharmacist.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please find attached to the newsletter new information regarding Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. Even if your child is in Reception to Year 2 classes please apply as the school is allocated Pupil Premium.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Following the half term break we will be starting up our new Parent Group (Possibly to be held on a Thursday morning once every month).

If you have a little spare time to give and would like to be a part of this group please join Mrs Wilkinson (Parent Support Advisor) on Thursday 10th November at 9am for the first Coffee Morning.

ZUMBA

If you ladies (or Gents) would like to get fit whilst having a bit of fun, there is a Zumba class at the **Church Hall every Monday night from 6 till 7.**

Your first session will be free!!



FORTH COMING EVENTS

Bonfire Night Menu

Our kitchen staff will be preparing a special lunch on Friday in celebration of Bonfire Night

Hot Dog (Chips, Beans and Tomato sauce)

OR Jacket Potato

Parkin and Custard, Toffee Slice or Traffic light Jelly

Parents Evenings

Parent meetings/evening will be held throughout the day on Wednesday 9th November. If you haven't returned your appointment slips please do so as soon as possible.

Remembrance Service

Please come along and join us here in school for our Remembrance Day service on Friday 11th November at 10.30.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school to take individual and class photographs on **Tuesday 22nd November**. (Details will follow closer to the date).

Children in Need

This year we are raising money once again for Pudsey Bear and Children in Need on Friday 18th November and this year we are going to be "SPOTACULAR". We would like all children and staff to wear something Spotty for the day and bring £1 for Children In Need.

More details will follow nearer the time.



Anti-Bullying Week

"Spot it and stop it!"

Anti-bullying week is from 14th-18th November in support of the anti-bullying campaign.

Anti-Bullying Week 2016 is calling on children and young people to take the

lead on creating a future without bullying.

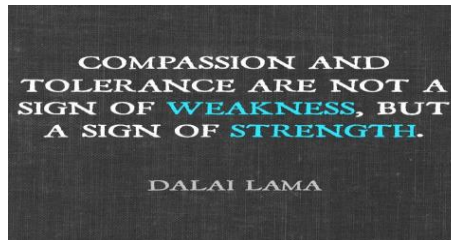
Throughout the week the children will be looking at different types of bullying including cyber bullying.



VALUES

Each month we will be focussing on a particular VALUE with the children.

This month our focus is on **TOLERANCE**.



CHALLENGE

Can you write an Acrostic poem for the word Tolerance?

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th November

Parent meetings/evening

Thursday 10th November

Science Exhibition (More details will follow closer to the time)

Friday 11th November

Remembrance service

Friday 18th November

Children in Need

Day

And finally...

School will close today for one week and one day!

I would like to wish you all a restful and safe half term break and hope to see you all back safe and well on our return on **Monday 31st October**.

Courtenay Walls

