



Thursday 7th November 2024

Newsletter No 3



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the first week of the busy Christmas half term. I hope you all enjoyed the Autumn break and are looking forward to all the exciting events and opportunities that the next 7 weeks has to offer.

School Uniform

I would like to remind everyone that all children should now be in their winter uniform and bring a coat each day. Please ensure that **all uniform is clearly named** as this makes it much easier and quicker to retrieve lost items.

Harvest Festival Collection – One Can Trust

Thank you for the many donations which were received in response to our Harvest Festival. They have been taken to One Can Trust and will be gratefully received by those who need it.

Staffing –

Return from Maternity Leave

I am very pleased to welcome back Miss Beth Plume who will be teaching in Year 3 for 4 days a week. Mr Burgin will continue to take the class on Thursdays.

Learning Support Assistant

I am pleased to welcome Miss Judy Bristow who has joined us as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. She will be working throughout the school.



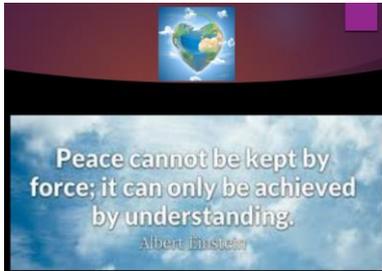
Midday Supervisor

It is with sadness that I let you know that Mrs Jess Stott left us as a Midday Supervisor at the end of Half Term. During her year working with us she made a very positive contribution and she will be missed.

Christian Value for Living and Behaviour for Learning

This half term our Christian Value is:
'Peace'

Our Behaviour for Learning is: **'Independence'** and
our Vision Vharacter is: **'Independent Iguana'**



Remembrance Day Assembly –Monday 11 November

On Monday 11th November the whole school will have a 2-minute silence and an assembly. In class the children will also look at the meaning behind Remembrance Day and why it is important to remember.

Poppy Sale – The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

During this week and next week there is the opportunity for your child to purchase a poppy. Poppies will be available at the entrance to KS2 playground as children enter in the morning if adults or children wish to purchase a poppy for Remembrance Day,

“Our red poppy is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. “

Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community. The poppy is a well-known and well-established symbol, one that carries a wealth of history and meaning with it.

I do hope that you will feel able to support this worthy cause by sending the children in with a donation.

Christmas Production – ‘Don’t be Afraid’

Year 1 to 6

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas spectacular performance of ‘Don’t be Afraid’ which will be performed at **Kings Church on 28th November**. The letter regarding tickets will be sent this week – please respond promptly, demand for tickets is always high!! Auditions have taken place and the Dance Coach has been in this week.

Reception

Reception class Christmas performance will be held on 4th December and further details will follow.



Whole School Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 11 December

The whole School Christmas Dinner will be on 11th December. This is always a wonderful opportunity for children and staff to enjoy a festive meal together and we encourage as many children as possible to have a Christmas meal on this day. There will be a vegetarian option. Please order in the usual way as soon as possible but by 9am on Thursday 5th December at the very latest. There will be no late lunch option on this day.

Christmas Fayre



We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fayre which will take place on Saturday 23rd November between 2 and 4pm. I hope to see as many of you there as possible –it is always a lot of fun for children and adults.

Please remember the non-uniform days as advised in the Friends Christmas Fayre information letter.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The demand for pre loved uniform has been growing rapidly and it has been decided to open the ‘Uniform Shop’ on a Wednesday between 3 and 3.30pm. It would be helpful if you could email your requests in advance to

Schooladmin2@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk

and we will be providing uniform from the basement on Wednesdays each week. You may just turn up but you will be helped more quickly if you let us know in advance. We appreciate small cash donations for uniform

We will always try and accommodate those of you who cannot come on a Wednesday but this will be the main point of sale for second hand uniform from Wednesday 13th November.

Due to increased demand, we are running low on particular items and sizes. We would especially be grateful for any donations of blazers (sizes 26” 28”), larger size red PE T-shirts and PE Sweatshirts, PE Shorts and school cardigans.

At the present time we do not have space to store any further white school shirts or grey school trousers.

A few date reminders

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| • Monday 11 November | Donations for Christmas Fayre – Not Dress Down |
| • Monday 11 – Friday 15 November | Year 1 to 5 Assessment Week |
| • Tuesday 12 November | Friendship Week- Odd Socks Day |
| • Friday 15 November | Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day |
| • Monday 18 November | Friends Non-Uniform Day |
| • Tuesday 19 November | Parents Evening |
| • Wednesday 20 November | Parents Evening |
| • Saturday 23 November | Friends Christmas Fayre |
| • Tuesday 26 November | Film Festival Year 1 to 3 |
| • Wednesday 27 November | Film Festival Year 4 to 6 |
| • Thursday 28 November | Christmas Performance Year 1 to 6- 1.45pm and 7pm |
| • Friday 29 November | Year 6 Victorian Workshop |



- Wednesday 4 December
 - Wednesday 11 December
 - Thursday 12 December
 - Wednesday 18 December
 - Thursday 19 December
 - Friday 20 December
 - Monday 6 January
 - Tuesday 7 January
- Year R Nativity to Parents
 - Whole School Christmas Lunch
 - Christmas Carol Service at All Saints 2pm
 - Infant and Junior Christmas Parties
 - Friends Pantomime Trip
 - End of Term 1.30pm
 - Staff Training Day
 - School opens for Spring Term

Yours sincerely,



Celine Hawkins
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