

26th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support this half-term. It has been very busy and very long. Our children are tired, but as ever, have worked hard and enjoyed school. We hope that you all have a good break next week. School is closed to pupils from **Friday 27th October - Monday 6th November** with children returning to school at **8.45am** on **Tuesday 7th November**.



To celebrate our achievements to date, we would like to invite you to the first event:

Halloween Pumpkin Trail on Saturday 28th October led by **Green Shoots, Muddy Boots**.

All the family is welcome and there is no charge for this. It is a chance to meet families and explore the forest.

Tea, coffee and snacks will be available to buy and we are open from **10-1pm**.

eSchools App

Thank you to those families who have logged in to our eSchools app. Please could all families download the app. All the children have been practising logging in to their class page where they can access information about their learning, homework and reminders about class activities. This is also the app that enables families to book parents' evening appointments and to receive text messages and letters. Please come in and see Mrs Martin or Mrs Burton in the office if there are issues getting logged on.

Parents' evening will be held on **Wednesday 8th November**. Apologies for the wrong date in last week's newsletter. Bookings are open via the eSchools app. We will also hold Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings with parents whose children have additional needs - Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) on the same day. If you have an IEP meeting you do not need to attend parents' evening as you will have had the opportunity to speak to the class teacher. You are, of course, welcome to come in and look at your child's books after school on 8th November.

Look out for our fabulous Praise Postcards which will be posted to children who have shown **Empathy** this term. All staff have chosen a child who has really demonstrated this value within our school community. We look forward to hearing from children who received a postcard after half-term.

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Christmas Fayre

We are pleased to hold our annual **Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday 2nd December 2023**. Thank you for all the bottles donated today. Our next non-uniform day will be held on **Friday 10th November** for **Christmas jumpers** or **Christmas fancy Dress**. A very popular stall at the fayre is for pre-loved Christmas clothes so if you have any good quality tops, t-shirts or other items of Christmas clothing that the children have out-grown, please donate it so that others can wear it for Christmas this year.

Poppy Appeal

After half-term we will be selling poppies and other merchandise for a donation to show our support for the Royal British Legion. 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. Wearing a poppy is still a very personal choice, reflecting individual experiences and personal memories. It is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those who it is intended to support.

Bonfire Safety and The Firework Code

Warwickshire Council advise attending an organised bonfire and firework display as it is the safest option, but if you do have your own event, please stay safe:

- build your bonfire is well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences, trees and hedges,
- check your bonfire thoroughly in daylight, but as late as you can before lighting,
- check for hibernating animals such as hedgehogs - piles of warm, dry material are good accommodation for their winter sleep,
- keep a bucket of water or hosepipe nearby,
- never leave your bonfire unattended,
- only use water to put your bonfire out,
- only buy fireworks which display the CE mark,
- keep fireworks in a closed box,
- only adults should set fireworks off,
- follow the instructions on each firework,
- light all fireworks at arm's-length,
- stand well back,
- always supervise children around fireworks and sparklers.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and half-term.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Jeans and Staff

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