

Newsletter – 5th November, 2019

A word from the Head Teacher

How quickly the year goes and we have now reached what many feel is the busiest and most exciting term. The term is filled with a range of celebrations and fun, engaging events that bring the sense of community to life.

Our Chair of Governors, Rev. Peter, wrote to you setting out our new values: *compassion, hope, reverence and wisdom* which underpin our Christian ethos and vision that all our children will *'live life in all its fullness.'* (John 10:10). Our first celebration assembly recognised pupils who demonstrated the value of hope which is very important to us all. This term we shall focus on the value of compassion.

Wishing you all the very best for the term ahead.

Best wishes

Stewart Murdoch

Head Teacher

Change of date for the Christingle

Due to the recently announced General Election and the use of the village hall as a polling station, we have had to **change the date of the KS2 Christingle to Monday 9th December at 6pm.** Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Parking

A gentle reminder to parents to park considerately at pick up and drop off times. Please be aware of parking across resident's drive ways and on corners that further decrease visibility of the concealed entrances of roads, specifically Bensted Close and Grove Lane. Equally I am sure you would all agree that keeping our children safe is of paramount

importance and we ask that you not park cars at the crossing point and on the yellow zig zag lines. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Swimming

Last week Porteous Class began their 3-term block of swimming lessons. It was a delight to see all members of the class overcome any anxieties they had of the water and quite literally dive into the new experience. Swimming is an important life skill and it will be great to see how the pupils progress over the next three terms.

Parents Consultations

Parents Consultations will take place on Tuesday 26th November (8-9am/1-6pm) and Wednesday 27th November (8-9am/3-6pm). Signing up sheets for appointments will be available from Tuesday 12th November.

New School Website

Further to the recent communication survey, I can confirm that I have been working on a new school website which will provide clearer navigation. We hope the new website to be live by the end of the year.

Should you need to speak with any of the SLT about anything, please do not hesitate to pop in at the start of the day or make an appointment in the office.

Game of Chance

The first draw of the Game of Chance occurred yesterday. Mr Ming set up a random number generator in his classroom and the Enterprise team pressed the button to reveal the first winner. Congratulations to Mr Tompkins with the winning number '1'. Thank you to all who have participated so far in this. We have raised

Compassion, Hope, Reverence, Wisdom

£170, with £85 going to the prize pot and £85 going to the enterprise team.

Children in Need is scheduled for Friday 15th November, this will be a non-uniform day, with donations going to the charity.

Christmas Fayre

The School Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 29th November, 2pm – 4:30pm. If you require a stall or are willing to help during the afternoon please contact Mrs Tompkins.

Chocolate Tombola Stall

We would like all children to bring in as much chocolate as possible to be used as tombola prizes between Monday 11th November and Monday 25th November. The class who brings in the *most chocolate in weight* will win a non-uniform day for their class in the new year! Many thanks in advance.

Family Service

At the latest Family Service, our Head girl, Harriet delivered a beautiful reading. Many thanks to those who were able to attend, the church has seen a real increase in attendance at these services over the last couple of years. Once again thank you to Mrs Pilcher, R.E. lead, for coordinating our strengthening relationship between church and school.



Dates for Diary

F 8 th Nov	Non-Uniform Day – Bottle donations for Christmas Fayre
Su 10 th Nov 10:50am	Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, Hunton
w/b 11 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
F 15 th Nov	Non-Uniform Day – Children in Need – Voluntary donation
F 15 th Nov 3:30pm	PTA Disco
Su 17 th Nov 9:30am	Family Service at St Mary's Church, Hunton
W 20 th Nov 9am	Devas class – Biscuit Bear Assembly
W 20 th Nov 2:45pm	Family Trust Assembly
W 20 th Nov 3:15pm	Devas cake sale
F 22 nd Nov 9am	Celebration Assembly
M 25 th Nov 3pm	Year 3/4 Sports Match vs Yalding
T 26 th Nov 8-9am/1-6pm	Parents Consultations
W 27 th Nov 8-9am/3-6pm	Parents Consultations
F 29 th Nov 2pm - 4:30pm	Christmas Fayre
M 2 nd Dec 10am	Creepy Claws Assembly
W 4 th Dec AM	Devas visit to Forest School
M 9 th Dec PM	PTA Pop Up Shop
M 9 th Dec 6pm	KS2 Christingle
Tu 10 th Dec AM	Family Trust Christmas Panto
W 11 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Th 12 th Dec 9am	Devas & Bannerman Nativity
F 13 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
M 16 th Dec	Bannerman visit to Gravity
Tu 17 th Dec, 1:15pm	Term 2 ends
W 18 th Dec	Staff Development Day
M 6 th Jan, 8:45am	Term 3 begins

Children in Need