



November



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term and I hope all of our families had an enjoyable break. We have a busy term ahead and I thought it would be helpful to issue the diary dates again and send out some timely reminders as we already have things going on this first week back.

Non Uniform Days

Diwali - Tuesday 1st November



Children can wear traditional or party clothes in recognition of Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, which is celebrated by Sikhs and Hindus. The main theme of the celebration is the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. On the main festival night, *Deepavali*, Hindus dress up in new clothes or their best outfit, light up *diyas* (lamps and candles) inside and outside their home, participate in family *puja* (prayers) typically to Lakshmi - the goddess of wealth and prosperity. After *puja*, fireworks traditionally follow.



Children In Need - Friday 18th November

As a school we select certain charities to support and the annual **Children in Need** appeal is a popular one, with many positive messages about how the money raised is spent and lots of entertaining coverage that the children can relate to. This year we would like the children to be 'Spotacular' and come into school wearing somethinga spotty. Please bring a coin or two for Pudsey.



Poppy Appeal

Next week, as we approach Remembrance Day (11th November) we will be selling poppies at school for a donation of silver coins. The money raised will go to the Royal British Legion to benefit those members of the Forces who have served our country.



School Photos

Just before half term, the school photographer came in. The proofs should be available shortly for orders to be placed by **Thursday 10th November**.

Parents' Association

The Cake Sale was held on 20th October. This was really well supported and thank you to everyone that took the time to make cakes and biscuits and contributed to this event. We are pleased to report that £130 was raised.

Next Meeting - Thursday 3rd November at 9.00am. This is to progress plans for the Christmas Fair taking place on 2nd December. Everyone is welcome and your input appreciated.

Greeting Cards

For those of you that completed the art activity to design a greeting card over the half term, please ensure your order form and payment are returned to our main reception by **Monday 7th November**.

Bonfire & Firework Night

Brunel University are celebrating Bonfire night on **Thursday 3rd November**. They put on an impressive firework display to music and have a big bonfire at the end of the evening. Going to a properly organised event is the safest way to enjoy fireworks. If you would like to go along, the gates on Kingston Lane open at 5.30pm. Admission is £5.50 for adults and £4.50 for children under 15 years of age (or in advance via 'Eventbrite', adults £4.50 & children £3.50.)



If you have any concerns regarding any aspect of school life please don't hesitate to contact me. You are welcome to email any queries on office@mail.whitehallinf.org

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DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM



Please be advised that dates / arrangements may be subject to change and you are advised to check notice boards and our website regularly for up to date information.

Monday - Friday	24 th - 28 th	October	HALF TERM	
Monday	31 st	October	Back to School	
Tuesday	1 st	November	Dress Up Day Diwali	Children can come into school dressed in traditional or party clothes. There will be a special assembly for children.
Monday-Friday	7 th - 11 th	November	Poppy Sales for Remembrance Day	
Thursday	10 th	November	Elm Class Assembly	Parents of children in Elm class to be seated by 2.55pm in the school hall
Friday	18 th	November	Dress Up Day Children In Need	Be 'Spotacular!' Minimum donation £1
Friday	2 nd	December	PA Christmas Fair	After school 3.30-5.00pm
Monday	5 th	December	Flu Immunisation	Years 1 & 2
Thursday	8 th	December	Reception Show	2.45pm
Friday	9 th	December	Reception Show	9.15am
Monday	12 th	December	Y1 Christmas Show	2.45pm
Tuesday	13 th	December	Y1 Christmas Show	9.00am
Wednesday	14 th	December	Y2 Christmas Show	2.45pm
Thursday	15 th	December	Y2 Christmas Show	9.00am
Friday	16 th	December	Dress Up Day - Wear a Christmas Jumper	Optional donation for ITV's 'Text Santa' campaign
Friday	16 th	December	Pantomime for the children	PA Funded event
Monday	19 th	December	Class Parties (including Nursery)	Children can wear party clothes on this day (with sensible shoes!)
Tuesday	20 th	December	Christmas Lunch	
Tuesday	20 th	December	Nursery Last Day	Christmas sing-a-long with parents 11.00am & 3.00pm
Wednesday	21 st	December	End of Term	School Closes 2.30pm
Tuesday	3 rd	January	SCHOOL CLOSED	Staff Development Day
Wednesday	4 th	January	SPRING TERM STARTS	Back to School - Normal Time