



# November 2

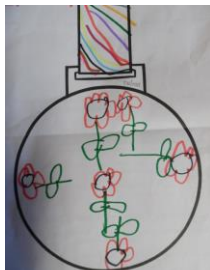


Autumn is such a colourful time of year but now we are fast approaching winter and the weather has turned colder. There is lots of news in this edition and I hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening and what we have planned. Don't forget our **Dress Up Day this Friday** for Children in Need - please be '**SPOTACULAR**' and remember your £1 for Pudsey.

## Remembrance Day Medal Competition

Thank you to all of the children who took part in designing a medal for Remembrance Day. There were some fantastic and imaginative entries. We held assemblies with Reception and Key Stage One when we talked about the meaning of Remembrance Day and why we hold our silence for two minutes, on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, to think about and give thanks to those brave soldiers who gave their lives for their country. It was very difficult to choose the finalists, one for each class, and the overall winners from each year group, who each received a gift from our 'surprise prize box', were:

**Reception - Eleanor**



**Year 1 - Anna**



**Year 2 - Amitis**



## Book Week

We recently held 'Book Week' in school when children celebrated books and shared reading with each other, across all year groups. To finish the week, Miss Chedzey gave an assembly using the book 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' by John Burningham. The children learnt actions and the whole school told the story out loud together! Oral storytelling is a great way to develop children's language. In school we often practice and recite stories out loud; this helps children learn story language and phrases that they can later use in their own writing. Other titles by John Burningham include '**Mr Gumpy's Motor Car**', '**Avocado Baby**' and '**Would you rather?**'. Why not look out for them on your next library visit.



## Shining Stars



Throughout the academic year the children have the opportunity to earn 'stars' for things such as good work, citizenship, teamwork, use of the learning superpowers, homework and attitude, to name but a few. On reaching their target of 20, they receive a special certificate, their own star on our Award board and a mention in the newsletter. This term, the first to achieve their 20 stars is: **Kian (Peacock)**.

## Autumn Walks



Our younger children have been learning about Autumn, exploring the field and collecting leaves and twigs. Back in class they have been drawing pictures, describing Autumn and making collages. In Nursery, they used the leaves to make a little insect world.



## Christmas Fair - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 3.30-5.00pm

This is one of the highlights in the Autumn term and lots of effort goes into preparing for this event. The PA are busy planning for the stalls and activities and do look out for further details in book bags and notice boards. We will, of course, need volunteers on the day to help the event run smoothly and to share the workload so if you can spare some time, please email us at [office@mail.whitehallinf.org](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org) and we will forward it on.

## Christmas Productions

Some of our children have started to learn their lines and songs for the Christmas shows. The dates for the productions are detailed below. Space is very limited in the hall and whilst you do not require a ticket, attendance is limited to two places per child at one performance (or 1 x morning / 1 x afternoon).

Reception	Snowman at Sunset	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2.45pm
		Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
Year 1	<i>To be decided</i>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2.45pm
		Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am
Year 2	Christingle	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.45pm
		Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am
Nursery	Christmas Singalong	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00am
		Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	3.00pm



## Nursery Consultations - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery will be closed on this day for parent consultations. Mrs McLucas will be writing separately to parents with further details.

## Attendance

Last week I sent out our '**Attendance Policy for Parents**'. This is an overview of our expectations and guidance for you to ensure your child makes the most of their learning opportunities by attending school every day. Mrs Chana closely monitors attendance and punctuality and a number of parents were invited to meet with us last week to discuss timekeeping and attendance levels.



## Top Table Manners

Each week a class is chosen to have their meal with their teacher on the 'top table'. The school meal supervisors select a class based on their politeness, eating their dinner nicely using their knife and fork and remembering their table manners. We like to make this a special occasion for the children. Recently Kingfisher class got to spend dinner time with Miss Chedzey.



## Lunch



Orders must be placed with the kitchen by 10.00am. If you are running late or have an appointment, please let us know so that we can reserve a meal for your child.

Cater Link have set up a survey for parents to comment which you can access via [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NVZ55MF](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NVZ55MF) or copy and paste the URL into your browser bar.

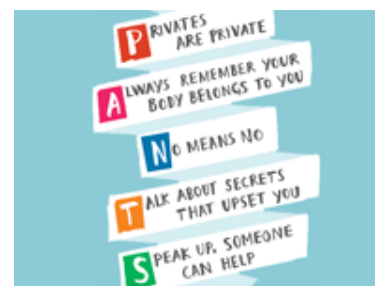
## Safeguarding



The NSPCC have a campaign called 'Talk Pants'. This initiative is about helping children to be aware of their bodies and what is right and appropriate behaviour. You can log on the NSPCC website for further information:

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule)

At school, we deliver the same messages and our full Child Protection policy can be found on our website which details our commitment to safeguarding practices.



## News from China

Mrs Reed had a safe trip to Shanghai and is enjoying teaching in a Chinese school. She is looking forward to sharing her experience with us and has sent us some lovely photos.



## Primary School & Junior School Applications

Applications are now being processed for children to start Primary school (Reception) and Junior school in September 2017. The Admissions Team at the Civic Centre are holding information sessions on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** in the Middlesex Suite. Places must be booked on line via [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions). The closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.



### Uniform Appeal

We would be grateful for any spare red jumpers/sweatshirts, polo shirts and underwear for girls that we can keep in our Welfare room. If you do have occasion to borrow any clothing, please ensure this is washed and returned so that we can use it again. Reminder that as we are now in the Autumn term, summer wear is not appropriate.



### No Parking

Please observe the parking restrictions in the roads around our school to avoid any parking penalties and to show consideration to our neighbours. A polite reminder that Cotswold Close is a private road and is for residents only, who have the power to arrange clamping of unauthorised vehicles.

### A & E

Stands for **Accident & Emergency** - 'if you can walk into A & E, the chances are you shouldn't be there' say the NHS. The NHS state: if you use A & E when you could get help somewhere else, you are taking NHS staff time away from life threatening cases. Other NHS services are available that can help you more quickly:

- NHS111;
- Urgent Care Centres;
- your own GP or
- local Pharmacist.



You can also go on line to find the right care by visiting [www.rightcare4u.org.uk](http://www.rightcare4u.org.uk).

### A Helping Hand



At school we consider ourselves to be a community and that, with your children, we are a family. Our relationship with you and your children extends beyond the classroom and I would like to think that all of our parents / carers feel welcome and comfortable here. If you have a need to discuss any issues affecting your life, please do come and approach me or a member of my staff. We will do all we can to offer support, guidance and a listening ear.

### Separated Families

We realise that not all parents live together in the same home as their child. If you are separated from your child's father or mother but would like to receive our newsletters, please pop into our main reception and leave your email address. This information will be treated confidentially.

### Chatterbox Corner

Our talking activity for this edition is below.

What is the world's best question?



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](mailto:office@mail.whitehallinf.org)

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