



## November No 3



December is just around the corner this week and we have lots to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

### Charity Support

#### **Children in Need**

The children observed our non-uniform day on Children in Need Day and there were a lot of spots around school! Staff and children dressed up for this worthy cause and I am pleased to report we raised almost **£300!** Thank you for your support.



**Poppy Appeal** - Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy. We raised just under **£40** from the poppy sales and your kind donations have been sent to the British Legion.

#### **Michael Sobell House Hospice**

For a number of years, we have supported the Michael Sobell House Hospice through the sale of mini cuddly toys. This year, there is a small selection of toys available for a minimum donation of £1.50. If you would like to support this charity and make a purchase, please send in **£1.50** with your child and let the class teacher know.

### Parents' Association News

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

Please come and support the Parents' Association Christmas Fair **THIS Friday**, there will be lots of fun things for the children including a visit from Santa AND his reindeer! There are some final reminders on the back of the newsletter. The team is busy with the preparations and could really do with some extra support - just leave your name and contact number with Reception if you can help with the setting up, running a stall or clearing up, it would be greatly appreciated. The P.A. would love some donations for the raffle, toys, books or food (such as samosas, pakoras, cakes and biscuits which should be brought to school on the day of the fair).



### Friendship Week



Last week the children learnt how to be a buddy; they thought about what makes a good friend and the importance of being kind to each other as well as what to do if someone makes them feel unhappy at school. To help us with this anti-bullying message, we were visited by some students from Uxbridge High who performed for our Year 1 & 2 pupils. Thanks to Miss Chedzey for organising this.

## Christmas Performances

Please find below a reminder of when the Christmas productions are taking place. Please could we ask that you arrive promptly for the performances and switch mobile phones to silent / off during the shows. Any pictures or videos that you take should be for your own use and not circulated more widely than amongst friends and family as there may be images included of children for whom permission has not been given for photos to be taken.

Reception	Snowman at Sunset	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2.45pm
		Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
Year 1	It's a Baby!	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



## Attendance Reminders:



- Thank you to those parents who do telephone to let us know when their child is not in school. It is really helpful to keep us informed but please do remember to call in **every day** that your child is not in.
- If your child has a doctors/dentist/hospital appointment you **must** bring in the appointment card or letter for us to take a copy.
- A message from our Attendance Officer, Mrs Chana, to please check we have the correct **telephone numbers** for you. Not only is this important for reasons of attendance but also for welfare.

## Calling School

Staff are on duty on our main reception desk from 8.30am-4.00pm. There are times, particularly at drop off and collection times, when reception is busy and we may not be able to get to the 'phone because we are dealing with other enquiries. You can always leave a message if the phone is not answered.

On occasion, we may need to call you and, if we can't get through, we will always leave a message. When you see a missed call from our school number, please take a moment to check the message as this will tell you who has called and we will be able connect you to the right person when you call us back.

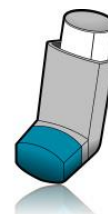


## Road Safety

Reminder that the car park is shared with the Juniors and is only available for staff and the visitors of both schools. Please do not drive on to the school grounds **at any time**. It has been noticed that a number of parents are using the car park when collecting children from after school clubs and children should not be walking in the car park. We restrict vehicular movement to keep the school grounds as safe as possible and your co-operation is appreciated.

## Asthma

The school asthma nurse has told us that, during the cold weather, children with asthma could wear a scarf over their mouth and nose as this helps warm up cold air before it gets into their mouth, throat and lungs. A reminder that if your child is diagnosed as asthmatic, that we must have **TWO** pumps in school, one for the classroom and one for the medical room.



### Healthy Schools



If your child brings a packed lunch to school, we ask you to include fruit and salad and to not include **sweets** or **crisps**. There is a leaflet available from our main reception 'Ingredients for a Healthy Packed Lunch' if you would like some ideas of what to include. Please note that **peanut butter** or **nuts** are not permitted in school due to allergies. Alternatively, you could take advantage of the free school meals provided for every child which are healthy, well balanced and nutritious.

Also, if you wish for your child to celebrate their birthday in some way at school, please could you bring in a healthy snack (such as a fruit based treat, eg, raisins) or an inexpensive gift such as a pencil or eraser for your child to give out to the class.

### Chatterbox Corner

To spark the conversation for this edition:

Talk about your ideal pet (real or imaginary)  
what would it be and why?



### Breaking up for Christmas

Please be advised that Christmas is starting a little earlier for the children and school will close at **2.00pm** on the last day of term, **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. Please do remember to come at the right time - children worry when they are kept waiting. After School Club is **not** running on the last day of term so you may need to make alternative arrangements if you use this facility.

We return on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** at the normal time.

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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