



Dear Parents and Carers,

REMINDER – Tickets for our Halloween Raffle are still on sale from classrooms £1.00 – prizes include a hamper and other Halloween treats - 'Gotta be in it to Win it!!'

We have had several family sessions in school this week and had great attendance and response – Phonics/reading workshop with Mrs Matthews was a huge success, early in a morning but some lovely games. Thank you to those who attended and enjoyed playing sound/word games with the children.

Family Thrive is going well on a Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Parkhurst and Miss Kelly have been sharing all our knowledge about the brain's development and how we use this approach in school, thank you to those who have attended and have made this a great learning group.

Family learning in the hall with Mrs Sparrow with EYFS parents/carers was a brilliant morning session, thank you again for attending the children loved this.

Foundation Stage – this week in FS we have been making spiders with our parents and Fiona from Family Learning. We had great feedback from those who attended and are looking forward to starting our 5- or 6-week block of workshops on Tuesday 6th November at 9:00am. We will be making a phonics alphabet books and letter stones for word building!

KS1 – Year 1 and 2 – this week in year 2 the children have been looking at how rockets have been made, ready to make our own rockets in DT, in science we have been exploring the best material for a rocket. In literacy we started writing a non-chronological report. In year 1 the children have been looking at addition and combining amounts moving onto number bonds. They have been looking at pop up books and moving pictures ready to make their own.

Lower KS2 – Year 3 and 4 this week the children have been looking at the value of happiness in our R.E Lessons. We have enjoyed thinking about how we would spend a million pounds and then sorting our ideas into those that would make us happy and those that would benefit other people in the world. The children have also begun to write persuasive letters linked to our core texts 'The Twits' and 'Demon Dentist'.

Upper KS2 – Year 5 and 6 – this week the children in Year 6 have enjoyed researching and representing information on the 5 pillars of the Islam faith and comparing this to commitment in their own lives, we have also loved our watercolour paintings as part of our work on remembrance. In Year 5 the children have enjoyed making their own water-powered rockets on the playground. They measured the distances they travelled and created line graphs to show their results.

PTA ~ We are on the lookout for any volunteers for our parent teacher group which support school events and fund raising for special resources for the children each year. If you are interested in joining please see Miss Graham our admin manager for information or the PTA Parent/Chair Mrs S Bradley.

Calling all parents/carers: Letters went out last week for anyone who would like to apply to become a parent/carer governor. If you are interested in this voluntary and important role to support our school please see your child's class teacher or admin for a form.

Immunisations: The health team will be in next week administering flu vaccinations for children from Reception (FS2) to Year 5 on Thursday 25th October, thanks to families returning their consent slips.

School Uniform – Could we please ask for you **to label your children's uniform**, it helps class teachers and staff return any lost items. Please remind your KS2 children that they need to be responsible for their uniform by keeping it safe in

their bag in the class cloakroom. If your child has brought home an item that is not theirs please pass this to the class teacher the next day. Many thanks.

Headlice alert: There have been a number of reported cases of headlice this week in school. Can we ask all families to check your child's/children's hair this weekend. Please be vigilant and even after you have treated your child's hair, keep the combing routine going for 7 days using conditioner. We recommend girls with long hair wear this fastened back in a plait or bun to help. If you need any advice please do not hesitate to contact school, Mrs Smith our Inclusion lead will be happy to help.

Dates for your diary:

We try to give parents/carers plenty of notice of dates – however these may be subject to change, thank you.



- **Thursday 25th October, Flu Vaccine** – Nurses in school
- **Friday 26th October** – Halloween Dress Up (or down) £1.00 donation to school
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HALF TERM – school breaks up on **Friday 26th October** and re-opens **Monday 5th November**

- **Wednesday 31st October** – National 'Bug Busting' Day – please check your child's hair, we do have some free combs if you need one – ask at reception
- **Thursday 8th November** – Remembrance Assembly with Mr Grimley
- **Thursday 8th November** – Parents Open Evening, **please sign up in class next week**
- **Friday 9th November** – Bottle Dress Down Day
- **Friday 16th November** – Choccy Dress Down Day
- **Thursday 22nd November** – Harvest Festival
- **Friday 23rd November** – Autumn Fayre
- **Thursday 6th December** – KS1 cinema evening – more details to follow
- **Friday 7th December** – KS2 Christmas disco – more details to follow
- **Week Beginning 10th December** – Christmas Concert week
- **Friday 14th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Week beginning 17th December** – Christmas Party week & Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 21st December** – **School breaks up for Christmas**
- **Monday 7th January 2019** – **Back to school**
- **Friday 1st February 2019** – **Teacher Training Day**
- **Tuesday 12th February 2019** – Parent Open Evening – details to follow
- **Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th March 2019** – Year 5 Residential to Kingswood
- **Thursday 14th March 2019** – Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
- **Thursday 27th to Friday 28th June 2019** – Year 4 Residential to Austerfield
- **Tuesday 2nd July** – Parent Open Evening – details to follow
- **Thursday 4th – Friday 5th July 2019** – Year 6 Residential to Parson House
- **Friday 19th July 2019** – **School Closes for Summer Break**
- **Monday 22nd July 2019** – **Teacher Training day**

With many thanks for your continued support!

Mrs Faye Parish

Head Teacher

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