



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been quite a week both in school and out hasn't it?! We've all been very reflective, talking about what Remembrance, peace, tolerance and understanding means and had a minute's silence at 11am. I set the children a 'Three Word Challenge' in Monday's assembly. They had to think about what three words they'd like to send as a message to the world. They have come up with some very special words. Here are a few: 'Live in Harmony', 'Please be Kind', 'Share the World' and 'Please love everyone'.



If people across the Globe treated each other with the same compassion, understanding and love as the children do in our school, the world would truly be a different place. So, if we continue to 'be the change' in our small community and demonstrate that 'love never fails' we will make a difference.

## Reception

As well as learning about the importance of Remembrance, in Reception we have been using time vocabulary such as before, after, next, morning and evening to sequence things in time order, We have also been very clever programming using an app on the iPads and the Beebots.

## Year 1

We have so much fun writing a different version of the Three Billy Goats Gruff and working with NUMICON shapes in maths. We have used 'saws' to help us cut the wood for our Tudor Houses and are gradually making the walls and roofs. We've also started to learn our Nativity Songs.

## Year 2

We have worked SO hard this week and are so much more confident about identifying nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. We've continued to look at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and designed some 'funky' shaped dragons. (Sorry, you can tell I was a teenager in the 80's). We are thoroughly enjoying singing our songs for our Christmas concert.



## Year 3

You won't believe what appeared in our class on Tuesday! It was a time portal and it was a letter asking us to write an information leaflet about Ancient Egypt. The portal has gone back to that period in time to help us gather all the information we need! We are SO excited!

### Parent Consultations

Thank you for coming to see your child's class teacher this week. We hope you found the meetings useful. As always, we welcome your constructive feedback about the sessions we hold. I hope that you were also able to use the Ladders at Home portal to give you a greater understanding of the progress your son/daughter is making in Reading, Writing and Maths. Reception Parents - please note that the Foundation Stage Tracker Portal will be available at the end of this month (we had to wait for it to go live Nationally).



### Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children who ran in the second of the Winter Series Cross Country competitions at Chiltern Edge last Saturday. There are team events from Year 3 and above and our Year 3 girls' team came 5<sup>th</sup> and our Year 3 boys came 2<sup>nd</sup>! Well done to Olivia, Eva, Immy, Roshni, Zak, GeWei, Finlay (Y3), Jonah and YinGe (Y2) and Lily, Oscar, Misa, Elyon and Rishi (Y1). The third competition is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

### Parent Class Reps

Thank you to all the Class Reps for our meeting earlier this week, in particular to Tamsin for writing up and passing on the minutes.

### Pantomime

We have booked a whole school trip to the Pantomime again this year on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We're watching 'Snow White' at the Hexagon and the PTFA has kindly offered to pay the cost of the coaches. Please look out for the letter we'll be sending on Monday explaining all about the trip and cost in more detail.



### Quiz

I can't wait for tomorrow evening's quiz - it should be lots of fun! Thanks so much to Hannah Smith, Helen Morgan and members of the PTFA for their hard work organising it.

### An Olympic Visitor

We may well be visited by Will Satch, a double-Olympic Gold Medallist next Wednesday afternoon. He kindly agreed to Sam Crisford's request to come and chat to the children and is taking some time out of his busy training schedule. Thanks so much Tom (Sam's Dad) for helping organise this.

### Meeting - The Temporary and Permanent Site

Just a reminder that you are all invited to attend a meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in our School Hall where Members of our Trust, Governors and myself will be happy to talk to you about and try to answer questions you may have.

### Attendance

Congratulations to all the pupils in Mrs Mullaney's Class on achieving 99.2% attendance this week. Hector will be enjoying next week in 2AM with the children.

### Spotlight

**Reception** - Varya for achievement in intense exploration of Saint-Petersburgh

**Year 1** - Frances for achieving Level 8 in Gymnastics, Amelia, Oliver and Tula for achieving Level 6 in Gymnastics

**Year 2** - Ben and Ruby for achieving Level 6 in Gymnastics

**Year 3** - Joe for being invested at Cubs this week  
**Congratulations to you all!**

**PUPILS OF THE WEEK:**

**Reception** - Aron and Amelie (RSR) and Tom and Leon (RAO)  
**Year 1** - Frances and Oliver (1CPF) and Sara and Rishi (1VH)  
**Year 2** - Rhys and Ffion (2AM) and Amelia and Darcey (2HK)  
**Year 3** - Immy and Jack (3SW)



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	PFTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations for Years 1-3
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	3pm - Christmas Fayre at school
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school trip to see Snow White at the Hexagon
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)

Karen Edwards  
Headteacher

**PTFA NEWS**

**The Heights PTFA Curry & Quiz Night**

The quiz has been written and the curry ordered, the quiz masters have been in rehearsal (not really!) and over 75 tickets have been sold! Are you ready?

Don't forget to bring any items you can donate for the raffle (gift sets, biscuits, chocolate, drink) on the day. Just drop Hannah a note to: [hannahthurstonsmith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hannahthurstonsmith@yahoo.co.uk)

**Christmas Cards**

The proofs are here! We hope you like them! Complete the forms and pop them in the PTFA postbox by Wednesday 16th November.

**PTFA Meeting**

The next meeting is 21st November at the Grosvenor. Find out what's going on and how you can get involved!

**Christmas Fayre 10th December**

We / Santa & the Fayre need you!  
We need people to help set up & to do time slots on the day.

No one will have to spend the whole Fayre on these tasks but an hour or two would be GREAT!

Tasks include manning stalls, decorating, helping with raffle & tombola etc.

Please let a member of the PTFA know if you can help OR email Sue or Richard Hepwood!

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