

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2 2018



We have a busy half term ahead of us with our exciting new topic, **Heroes and Villains** and of course Christmas is fast approaching. All children have settled really well now and look so grown up next to our new Reception starters! The weather is sure to get colder now over the coming weeks so if your child brings a hat, scarf and/or gloves to school, please do make sure that all their items are clearly labelled with their name. It really does make it easier for us to get lost items back to their rightful owners. Many thanks in advance for your help. As always, please do take advantage of visiting your child's classroom after school as they are open until 4pm everyday [except Mondays] so that you can see for yourself what children have been getting up to!

Mrs Harford Smyth [Acting KS1 Leader]

Mr Cascarina [Class 4], Miss Radford [Class 5] and Miss Bailey [Class 6]

Key Diary Dates

Week	Date	Event
1	Mon 5th Nov	INSET Day
	Tues 6th Nov	School Opens Flu Immunisations
2	w/c 12th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Book Fair [open until 4pm on Monday and Wednesday and during Parent/Carer Meetings on Tuesday and Thursday]
	Tues 13th Nov	Parent/Carer Meetings
	Weds 14th Nov	Cinema Trip
	Thurs 15th Nov	Parent/Carer Meetings
	Fri 16th Nov	Children in Need
4	Thurs 29th Nov	Phonics Information Meeting [5.15pm]
	Fri 30th Nov	Phonics Information Meeting [9am]
7	Mon 17th Dec	Class 4 Christmas Production [9.15am]
	Tues 18th Dec	Class 5 Christmas Production [9.15am]
	Weds 19th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day Class 6 Christmas Production [9.15am]
	Thurs 20th Dec	Tea and Toast Christmas Jumper and Party Day Party lunch for children School closes for Christmas
	Fri 21st Dec	INSET Day



The Head's Tea focus for this half term will be:

RESILIENCE!



This term our topic is . . . Heroes and Villains

Over the term, children will be encouraged to develop skills related to each curriculum area through specific focusses as shown below:

<p><u>Scientists</u> Senses and seasons</p>	<p><u>Sports Players</u> Indoor: Gymnastics Outdoor: Hockey, circuits and throwing/catching games</p>	<p><u>Computer Scientists</u> Algorithms and E-Safety</p>
<p><u>Historians</u> Remembrance Day, Florence Nightingale and Guy Fawkes</p>	<p><u>Artists</u> Remembrance Day, fireworks and Christmas crafts</p>	<p><u>Designers</u> Porridge making and Christmas crafts</p>
<p><u>Understanding Learners</u> How do we celebrate special times?</p>	<p><u>Citizens</u> Anti-bullying and Lost and Found</p>	<p><u>Musicians</u> Fire sounds and Christmas performance songs</p>

You will receive a weekly letter to tell you how children are learning to become better readers, writers and mathematicians!



Key Vocabulary

Please learn the following words/definitions with your child to aid their learning in school:

<p>Remembrance Day</p>		<p>Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 11 November 2018, is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.</p>
<p>Guy Fawkes, Gunpowder Plot and Bonfire Night</p>		<p>On the night of November 5th, throughout Britain, we commemorate the capture of Guy Fawkes with bonfires and fireworks. Guy Fawkes was part of a group of men that tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605 which was called the 'Gunpowder Plot'.</p>
<p>Florence Nightingale</p>		<p>Famous for her nursing work during the Crimean War (1854 - 56). She changed the face of nursing from a mostly untrained profession to a highly skilled and well-respected medical profession.</p>
<p>Algorithms</p>		<p>A set of instructions that are split into little steps so that a computer can solve a problem or get something done.</p>
<p>E-Safety</p>		<p>Learning how to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identifying where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.</p>
<p>Anti-Bullying</p>		<p>Developing good relationships and respecting the differences between people; understanding that there are different types of teasing and bullying, that bullying is wrong, and how to get help to deal with bullying.</p>
<p>Silhouette</p>		<p>Image of an object represented as a solid shape of black.</p>