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Newsletter- Week 9

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope everyone has had a great half term and enjoyed the Autumnal feel of the last week or so! Please take a look at our updated learning journal in a few days time- this will be emailed out to everyone- which will give you some little clues about your child's core learning this term. Just the one this half term as we delve into the usual festive fun at the end of the half term. Speaking of which, please make sure that you take note of the updated dates list on this latest newsletter and please do come along when you can!

Reading Army: Thank you so much to the volunteers who have come forward to offer their time on Wednesday afternoons. We will be starting this week and we have enlisted the support of 6 post 16/college students from PGS to help us too! This means that more children than ever will get some quality time to read/discuss a good book in school. Mrs Northrop will be meeting any recruits from 1.30pm and organising the troops so that we have a big impact on reading and learning in school. We will also offer an induction to ensure safety and safeguarding procedures are followed and some training in the near future to ensure that everyone is able to help the children to improve their reading and understanding. We will keep everyone updated but if anyone is interested in joining up, please do let us know!

TT Rockstars Update: We did it! Our children absolutely 'smashed it' and they were the most engaged of all local schools! We can now confirm a dress up Rock Star Day on Children in Need Day on Friday 15th November. Children who aren't interested in dressing up can follow the original plan and wear spots or stripes instead. Well done everyone, especially Y6 who topped the charts!

Hallowe'en Disco: Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our Hallowe'en Disco! We raised an amazing total of £311! Special thanks to parent volunteers who manned the refreshment desk, created the poster and helped to set up and clear up. Huge thanks to Tracey B as ever who gave up her time to organise the refreshments. No disco can be a success without DJ Jezz and we thank him too! Lastly, thanks to the staff who stayed late to help. It was a really fun evening and it all went smoothly! Well done to the School Council and Mrs Tomlinson who ran a fabulous Hallowe'en bake sale and raised almost £100 for school funds too! Great effort!

Emotional and social learning: We are delighted to announce that we have signed up to a fantastic new resource called Jigsaw. Jigsaw provides school with outstanding resources and guidance in all areas of the PHSE curriculum (personal, health, social and emotional) and it helps staff to support all children, and those who require a little extra support, more easily. We are still learning the true potential of the resource but it also includes some support workshops for families too. The resources covers vital work like eSafety, Sexual Education and Relationships, Bullying, Equality and much, much more. We look forward to sharing more news on this resource with you all! Sonia, our School Counsellor, continues to earn rave reviews and we have used her to work with individuals and groups successfully in the past. We are thinking of bringing Sonia into class a little more to work with groups following Mrs Walker's retirement so that we can ensure that any issues like friendship, self-esteem, body image, etc, are addressed and supported in a group environment. If any parents are concerned about their child being involved in a group session without express detail provided beforehand, or would like to opt out completely, please contact us within the next 2 weeks.

Staffing Update: We are very excited to confirm two new part time staff who will join us very soon! Mrs K Coulton will join us as an SEND assistant and work every morning in school. Ms K Heeley will join us for three mornings each week as a Teaching Assistant to support groups of pupils in maths and literacy. We were thrilled to have such a high number of applicants for the recently advertised role and the standard was incredibly high. I'm sure you will all join me in making our new staff feel welcome. As previously communicated, Mr Crossfield will now only work in school on Fridays. Thank you to everyone for their kind words and gestures towards Mr Crossfield on his final day with us full time. He passes on his thanks and appreciation.

Harvest Festival: Thank you to everyone involved in another fantastic, community spirited Harvest a few ago. Thank you for donations and to all who came along! The singing and reading was beautiful and everyone loved it. The Y5/6 work was created completely independently and the group were the keenest and most engaged Mrs Andrew had ever known...well done everyone! We will have an ongoing Food Bank in school from now on due to popular request- this will be shared between local families in need or, if not required more locally, collected fortnightly by Barnsley Food Bank. Items should be non-perishable and they can be left in the hamper in the main entrance area.

Reminders:

- We will be selling items for the poppy appeal all this week.
- There are suggested donations ranging from 50p (for reflectors or zip pulls) to £1.50 for snap bands etc.
- There will also be the regular poppies for sale too which will be any donation.
- Flu immunisations on 6th November
- Photograph deadline 8th November
- Monday AM sports club is now cancelled due to low numbers sorry!

Parents' Evening: A reminder that our first parents' evening of the year will be held on Wednesday 13th November between 1.30 and 7.30pm in the school hall. Appointment bookings will open at 5pm on Monday 4th November. We will offer some extra appointments to nursery parents on Monday 11th November as Mrs Exley has a lot of parents to see! Online appointments will be sent to everyone as a link on email and mobile phones but the extra Monday sessions with Mrs Exley will be a sign-up sheet at the Nursery entrance. We recommend that parents in Nursery without older siblings use these Monday appointments to allow for parents to see Mrs Exley on the Wednesday who are coming to see other teachers at the same time.

Sporting Updates: An enormous well done to our children who competed so well in the rain at Cannon Hall last week. The event was spoiled somewhat by an organisational error by the event leaders but we were very proud of every child who gave their all! Our Y3/4 racers were affected but they still managed to qualify for the South Yorkshire Finals which is amazing! So many of the children performed better than ever and they have clearly made superb progress since last year. Many of our Y5/6 children placed in the top 3 but we, sadly, didn't quite qualify for the team events in these categories, finishing 3rd in both the boys' and girls' sections. We will send out details of the South Yorkshire finals after the individual finals on Wednesday. Good luck to everyone involved this week too! This week we have the cross country, KS1 multi-skills event and girls football at Kings Oak (Y4-6) as well as an exciting batch of new clubs to enjoy!

Diary Dates: A comprehensive list of diary dates have been added to the third page of this newsletter and they are also now online!

Club Collection: From next Monday, 11th November, all children will need to be collected from clubs even if they are Y5/6 and have permission to walk home. This is due to the late evening light drawing in. We will reverse this policy in March 2020 as the nights get lighter again. Please remember that all children can only go home with other parents when we have prior permission granted.

Have a great week everyone!

Kind Regards

Mr L McClure

Headteacher

Week 8 Information	2019/20 Average	Week 9 Diary Dates
Attendance: 97.2% Late marks: 0 GREEN LIGHTS: 98.3%	Attendance: 97.6% Late marks: 0.5 per week GREEN LIGHTS: 98.9%	Monday 4 th : Parents' Evening bookings open (5pm) Wednesday 6 th : Flu' Immunisations (where permission is granted) Wednesday 6 th : Individual Cross Country Finals' 1.30-3.15pm (Cannon Hall) Thursday 7 th : 3.50-4.50pm Y1/2 Multi-skills event (PGS) selected pupils Friday 8 th : Star of the Week Certificates! Friday 8 th : 2.15pm set off, 3pm matches- Y4-6 girls football at Kings Oak
Class of the Week: Y2 'Attenborough's Animals' with 100%		

Diary Dates

Autumn 2

November

Monday 4th: Parents' Evening Booking Opens at 5pm for meetings on 13th November
Wednesday 6th: F2 to Y6 'Flu immunisations
Wednesday 6th: PM Cross-Country Individual Finals (KS2)
11th to 15th: Friendship Week
Monday 11th: Remembrance Day- wear red or black and special assembly
Monday 11th: Extra Nursery parental discussion slots (PM)
Wednesday 13th: Parents' Evening 1.30-7.00pm (Y1 to Y6 books will be available to view)
Friday 15th: Children in Need Day- Rock Star Dress Up or Spots and Stripes theme, family donation
Monday 18th: Y5 Visit at Cadbury World
Monday 18th- Friday 22nd: Stay Safe Week
Wednesday 20th: Y6 at Crucial Crew
Thursday 21st: Shakespeare Day- Play in AM for KS2
Friday 22nd: eSafety Day (special lessons and assemblies)
Wednesday 27th: Y2 and F2 DT Christmas Project Day
Thursday 28th: Uniform and sports swap shop project
Friday 29th: Y1 and F2 DT Christmas Project Day

Key December Dates

2nd-6th Christmas Art Week
Monday 2nd: Firefighter's Collection Packs to be returned
Thursday 5th: 2.30-3.45pm Art Gallery F1-Y6 work on display (Hall)
Friday 6th: Christmas Fayre 2pm to 4.30pm (more details to follow) Christmas Jumpers dress down
Tuesday 10th: EYFS and KS1 Cinema Visit
Friday 13th: KS2 Cinema Visit

Christmas Concerts:

Wednesday 11th: Y3 and Y4 Christmas Show 9.30am and 6pm
Wednesday 11th: Y5 and Y6 Christmas Show 10.30am and 7pm
Thursday 12th: KS1 Christmas Show 9.30am and 6pm
Friday 13th: EYFS Christmas Shows: 10.30am and 2pm

16th to 20th Christmas Party Week (all classes) Dress down day on your party day
Wednesday 18th: 10.30am Christmas Carols Around the Tree (Grandparents and the elderly only)
Thursday 19th: Christmas Dinner Day, Gifts and Raffle Draws- Christmas Jumpers can be worn
Friday 20th: School closes for the Christmas break
Christmas Holidays continue until Tuesday 7th January 2020 (INSET on Monday 6th)