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**“Let Your Light
Shine”**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Weekend Challenges

It has been lovely to see all the half term challenge pictures that have been sent in this week. These included:

- As part of our healthy challenge, Zac R (Year 5) and Ethan R (Year 3) have been parasailing on jet skis and enjoying bouncing on trampolines whilst on holiday.
- Also being very healthy was Brogan C (Year 4) who competed at City of Newcastle Gymnastics Academy's competition. She placed 3rd on Vault, 4th on Floor, 6th on Bars and Overall 5th place
- Well done to Matthew R (Year 1) who went for an autumn walk collecting leaves and conkers and created some fabulous leaf art characters for his bedroom wall.

Holiday Reading Challenge-High Flying Balloon Winners-A Message from Mrs Bilton

What a lot of wonderful reading happened over the half-term holidays. Thank you so much for all of your support to ensure your children all love reading, and read for pleasure as often as possible. The following children really caught the eye of their class teacher and were awarded a High Flying Reading Balloon: Reception- Jacob and Cohen, Year 1 Grace and Harrison, Year 2 Harry and Molly, Year 3 Sara and Ben, Year 4 Chloe and Emmi-Faye, Year 5 David and Harley, Year 6- Alfie and Georgina.

Friendship Week - A Message from Mrs Urwin



Each year we celebrate good and caring relationships in our Friendship and Anti-Bullying week. This year's theme is **Change Starts With Us**. Our Friendship week begins Monday 11th November and links very much to our Christian values of respect, kindness and love which are at the heart of our school. We are excited during this week to create empowering, positive messages that we all have an important role being a good friend and creating a loving and caring environment in which all flourish.

Odd Socks Day Tuesday 12th November - A Message from Mrs Urwin



As part of our Friendship week, children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November. This 'Odd Socks Day' is a fun way to encourage our children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and the uniqueness of each individual. Children are invited to come to school in odd socks for the day or why not wear a multi-coloured pair of tights with your dress or skirt or odd socks over their tights?

SUPERCLASS

Congratulations to 3UC who have achieved superclass this week. They are watching part of a film and enjoying some mindfulness colouring.

Photographs

On Tuesday 12th November we have our individual and family photographs. If you would like your child to have a picture taken with older or younger brothers and sisters who are not at our school, the photographer will be available before school from 8.15am in the main school hall. If you wish to have a family picture taken, please come in through the main entrance. During the day, children who have brothers and sisters in our school will be able to have these pictures taken together as well as individual pictures. Orders can now be made online as well as returning forms and payments via school.

Community News

The 2nd Cramlington Scout Group are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 9th November, 10am - 12pm, at Scout HQ, Ann Welfare. All are welcome to attend.



Reception News



Well done Reception on your fantastic first week back. All the Early Years staff have been very impressed with how well the children have settled in to the new half term. The children have loved visiting the forest to make self-portraits and cook treats around the fire. There has been some beautiful Poppy paintings too as the children have prepared for Remembrance Day. Thank you to Keira W and Neavie B who shared their love of cooking, baking and crafts with the class this week. Thank you to all the parents who added entries to Tapestry from over the half term break. It has been wonderful to share holiday news with the children. Please feel free to add photos of your child's achievements from home when you can. Lastly, a huge thank you for all the fantastic reading efforts at home- wonderful to see so many children reading so often. So many book marks and books have been awarded this week. Please keep reading with your child at least four times weekly. We are so proud of you all Reception!

Author Visit for Year 4 Children-A Message from Mrs Bilton

Next Thursday morning (14th November), our Year 4 children will visit the Learning Village to meet the author of Platform 13. Sibeal Pounder has worked with Eva Ibbotson to write this magical book for children aged 8-10. Sibeal will talk to the children about her work, and what inspires her to write. She will also sign copies of her book which will be for sale at the discounted price of £6. Thank you very much for your support with this exciting visit.



Children in Need - Friday 15th November



As part of Children in Need day on Friday 15th November, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. They are invited to make a small donation which will go towards the wonderful work of Children in Need. As part of Children in Need day we will be taking part in the "Big morning move" which is an activity session specifically for primary school

children led online by Joe Wicks the body coach. Please can we ask that children wear comfortable shoes/trainers for this.

Shoe Box Appeal

A reminder that there is still time to support the Samaritan's Purse annual shoe box appeal. They are collecting shoe boxes that can be sent to children for Christmas. Shoe boxes should be for a boy or girl and might include items including toothbrushes, hairbrushes, pens, pencils, colouring books, hats, gloves, soft toys, balls, toys (not war related toys). Shoe boxes should be returned to school by Thursday 14th November at the latest. Information and labels can be found at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



Year 2 Family Worship

It was such a joy to see so many families at our Year 2 family worship yesterday as they shared their thoughts of this term's value which is 'joy'. What a huge amount of real joy was so evident from the children in their singing, dancing and the information that they shared. Well done to Year 2! On **Thursday 14th November** we look forward to welcoming our **Year 1** families for their family worship.

Remembrance Day



I know a number of our children will be involved in Remembrance Day services on Sunday as our country stands to remember those who have died in warfare. On Monday, we will hold a service in school for the children where we will reflect on why we wear poppies and also hold some time of silence at 11am on Armistice Day. I am always so very impressed by the thoughtful and respectful ways in which the children do mark this day. Thank you to all the children and families who have purchased poppies throughout this week. All the monies raised go to the Royal British Legion.

Acts of Kindness - A Message from Mrs Urwin



Thank you for all of your wonderfully inspiring messages about the kind and thoughtful acts undertaken by your children during half term. These included:

- Neavie (Reception) helped with housework without being asked.
- Lily-Mae (Year 2) shared sweets with her little brother and looked after him when he was poorly.
- Elle (Year 2) gave a bag of her clothes to a refugee girl.
- Ethan (Year 4) helped to set the table and make tea.
- Isabelle (Year 3) has been helping her little sister Penny to count up to 30 during the school holidays.
- William and Oliver from Reception and Year 2 have been helping their Mum who is pregnant. They have been helping with jobs around the home.
- Jack from Year 3 has been exceptionally kind this half term. He has made gorgeous birthday cards for his grandma, uncle and mum.
- Elliot from Year 3 has shared his toys when his mum has been helping out with childcare.
- Oliver (Year 3) made tea for everyone with very little help. He also spent his holidays playing and reading to his little brother.
- Lewis (Year 2) helped his mum with jobs around the home and helped to care for his baby sister.
- Charlotte S (Year 2) made herself a hot chocolate and a cup of coffee for Mum.
- Isla (Year 3) visited the Lockerbie Air Disaster Memorial Garden. She left roses for one of the young victims and her family.
- Kaydon (Year 3) made an Egyptian mummy pizza and shared it with all of his friends at school.
- Matthew R and Katharine B (Year 1) shared their sweets out over half term.
- Joey from Reception made himself and his little sister a fruit smoothie. He chopped all of the fruit himself and even helped to blend the ingredients with yoghurt and milk in the blender.

Calendar Dates for next week

- Monday 11th November-children will be taking part in Armistice silence at 11am
- Tuesday 12th November-individual and family photographs
- Tuesday 12th November-wear some odd socks day
- Thursday 14th November-Year 1 Family Worship at 9.00am
- Friday 15th November-Children in Need Day-non uniform-wear something spotty, sporty or just something that you enjoy to wear!



Weekend Challenge

With Sunday being Remembrance Sunday, our challenge is linked to this:

- Create your own poppy. This might be using paper, felt, knitted or any other material. Please bring them in for our Armistice service on Monday.
- Please send in pictures of your child involved in any of the Remembrance Sunday services.
- Make some biscuits or cupcakes with a poppy design on them and share them with an elderly relative.
- With Monday being the start of friendship week, bring in a pebble that has been painted or coloured with some positive words linked to friendship such as love or kindness.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and we get some dry moments to enjoy time outside!

Yours sincerely

Paul Rusby
Headteacher