



November 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term- although I can't believe we are into the third week of the half term already. This term is always one of my favourites as the lead up to Christmas is always busy but fun! It was lovely to talk to so many of you at our Parents' Evenings recently and I hope you enjoyed seeing all the hard work your children have been undertaking.

Remembrance



Those of you who have collected your children from school will have been able to see the wonderful mural created by the children to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that signalled the end of World War One. Our week began with a special assembly by Reverend Loach from Christ Church and ended with a member of staff laying a wreath on behalf of the school on Remembrance Sunday. Throughout the week, all of the children took part in various activities based around the theme of remembrance. The Year 6 children worked with Mr Charlesworth and Mrs Jones to paint the amazing mural on the fence. The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 very cleverly made poppies from a variety of materials including paper, plastic bottles and felt which have been added onto the wall. Year 3 created some beautiful silhouette work using pastels and Year 6 added some poetry. We are incredibly proud of all of their work. I hope you will agree that the finished mural is beautiful and a very fitting way to commemorate the event as well as helping us to discuss the importance of remembrance with the children. A massive thank you to Miss Hinton, Mr Charlesworth and Mrs Jones who helped with the design and co-ordination of all the artwork. The Year 6 children also took part in an 'Experience Remembrance' event created by the volunteers at Christ Church. The children really enjoyed their visit and learnt a lot in a short space of time. Again, their behaviour was exemplary and they represented the school brilliantly-well done Year 6!

Praise Postcards

The first batch of praise postcards have arrived from the printers and have begun to be sent out. Well done to those children who have already received them. Remember that these postcards are to celebrate those children who we feel really are shining out and going above and beyond with their behaviour and attitude towards their learning across the curriculum.



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Children in Need



On **Friday 16th November** we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need and have asked the children to come into school wearing something spotty. However, as always, if you don't have anything spotty please don't go out and buy anything new- any non-uniform will be absolutely fine.

Civic Award

Last month, I had the pleasure of attending my first Civic Award Presentation Ceremony. It was a lovely evening and wonderful to see so many of our children being presented with their awards by the Mayor of Wirral. Two of our children-together with a Year 7 past pupil- performed a piece of music for the audience and made us very proud! Well done to all of those involved and a special thank you to Mrs Whittaker who organises the Civic Award in school throughout the year. I am hoping many more of you will go on to gain awards this year.

Edie

Over the last year, many member of the HBS community have been supporting Spider-Ede Appeal to help raise funds for Edie, a little girl from Wirral who had developed DIPG. As I'm sure many of you are already aware, during the half term break, Edie sadly lost her battle and passed away. All the school staff would like to express our deepest sympathies to her family and let them know that our thoughts are with them at this sad time.

On the 2nd December, there is an event planned to celebrate Edie's life. As a school, we would like to show our support for this and remember brave Edie by holding our own non-uniform day with a super hero theme. On **Friday 30th November**, the children are therefore invited to come to school dressed as a superhero and if anyone would like to make a donation to support the fundraising by the family, we will pass this on. Again, as with other non-uniform days, please do not feel obliged to buy a costume, any non-uniform is fine.

Sadly, we have also recently heard about the sad passing away of Lucy-another little girl from Wirral with DIPG who inspired Lucy's Pineapple Fund. Again, we send our sympathies to her family and friends as well.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please can I remind all parents that school starts at 9am promptly. There has been an increasing number of children who are regularly arriving at school after that time or just as the gate is closing at 9am. Arriving 5 minutes late on a daily basis means your child misses 25 minutes a week which across a school year equates to over 15 hours of missed learning time (which is two and a half days!!) Please can I request that all children are in school **on time every day**. I will be reviewing attendance with our school Social Worker shortly and will be contacting parents where there are concerns





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around attendance. We have been advised that Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued now if a child has:

- 5 days or more unauthorised leave of absence and the Headteacher has advised the parents in writing that the leave of absence does not constitute the Headteacher's view of exceptional circumstances.
- Leave of absence in term time with parents requesting authorisation from the school.
- **10 lates after the register has closed**

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 14th November – Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Parents Meeting-6pm
- Friday 16th November- Children in Need non-uniform day
- Monday 19th November- Year 5 Mosque trip (5C and half of 5H)
- Tuesday 20th November- Flu immunisations
- Thursday 22nd November- Pop Project 'I Feel Good'. This is their wellbeing show designed to support your children's wellbeing and mental health.
- Monday 26th November- Year 5 Mosque trip (5M and half of 5H)
- Monday 3rd December- Rev. Loach Christmas/Advent Assembly
- Tuesday 4th December- Year 5 visit to Grange Church – 5C am and 5H pm
- Wednesday 5th December- Year 5 visit to Grange Church- 5M am
- Tuesday 11th December- Year 3 Christmas Performance- 9.30am
- Thursday 13th December -Year 3 Christmas Performance 2pm

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you are concerned about or need to discuss. Thank you for your continuing support.

Warmest wishes,

S Calveley
Acting Headteacher