

# William Westley Newsletter

## 1st November 2019



### Safety Reminder

As we are now heading into the winter months, please can you ensure that your child has a coat in school every day so that they are able to enjoy their playtimes. As the days draw in, please can you also ensure that children arriving on bikes and scooters have appropriate lights and reflective clothing to help keep them visible.

### Poppies

From Monday, Remembrance poppies will be available at the school gate, before and after school, for a donation.

### Christmas Cards

This year we will be taking part in a Christmas card project as part of our school's fund raising activity. The project is designed so children can create a drawing which is then made into their own very special Christmas Cards. The children have been working very hard this week to create the best artwork design they can and the artwork and order forms will be brought home today. To ensure the Christmas cards arrive in good time we ask that you return the Christmas card order form (and original artwork) to school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We apologise for the quick turnaround.

### Children in Need

Friday 15th November is Children in Need Day. We are going to hold a special assembly for Children in Need at the usual time of 9:15am. This year we would like children to come to school dressed in spotty clothing and bring a minimum donation of £1 towards our Children in Need Collection. There will also be a cake sale from 3pm in the school playground.

### Bag2School

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and is recommended by PTA-UK. Since its inception in 2001 it has paid out more than £16 million. As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. Bag2School will recycle adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows) and will give William Westley **£500**

**per tonne or £0.50/kg.** Children will bring home a donation bag today. There are more available in the School Office or you can use any other bags to donate your items. Bag2School will be collecting from our school on **Monday 25th November 2019 at 9.00am.** As there is little storage space in school, please bring your bag (or bags!) to the School Office before school on the Monday morning (or after 3:30pm the Friday before) and help us to have a really good collection. Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

### Recycling Batteries & Plastic

We are still collecting used Batteries and Bathroom plastics for recycling. Batteries can be brought into school and put in our Battery Collection Box outside the School Office ready for recycling. We are able to recycle AAA, AA, C and D type batteries. We are also helping to recycle bathroom plastics. Unfortunately, our local council can't recycle all bathroom plastics so they often end up in landfill. However, we can collect those items and recycle them with TerraCycle®. Items that can't be recycled by the Council are on **The Hard-to-Recycle Plastic Checklist** (attached). You can also check on the website (<https://www.recyclenow.com/localrecycling>). The Recycling Programme will not accept plastics which can be recycled by the local council and will only accept clean and dry hard-to-recycle items. Please bring items to the School Office. A collection box will be available soon. Thank you for your support.

### Pop Up Café

The Pop Up Café will continue to take place every Thursday morning 9-10am in the WOSC room in school next half term, run by our village volunteers and our Year 5s, who are on hand to offer tea, coffee and delicious home-made cakes and biscuits. We very much hope you can join us. Pre-school children are always welcome.

**With best wishes and much gratitude for all your help and support.**

**Paul Bryant.**

## Autumn Term School Events

Monday 4th November	Parent Appointments YR 5:30-8:30pm
Tuesday 5th November	Bonfire Lunch Parent Appointments YR 3:30-5:30pm
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Service (URC)
Monday 11th November to Wednesday 13th November	Y4 to Burwell House
Tuesday 12th November	Parent Appointments YR 5:30-8:30pm
Wednesday 13th November	Gymnastics Competition 1pm WOSC AGM 7:45pm
Friday 15th November	Children in Need (spotty clothing)
Thursday 21st November	Flu vaccinations
Monday 25th November	PTA Bag2School Collection 9am
Tuesday 26th November	Football Match V Meldreth (H)
Friday 29th November	Cross Country Competition (Netherhall)
Tuesday 3rd December	Football Match V Harston & Newton (A) 3:15pm
Wednesday 4th December	Homework Exhibition 3:30-4pm
Friday 6th December	Christmas Music Concert 9:15am PTA Christmas Fayre 5-7pm
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Play performance 2pm
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Play performance 6pm
Friday 13th December	Christmas Play performance 6pm
Thursday 19th December	YR Nativity & Church Service (URC) 9:30am Term ends
Friday 20th December	Staff Training Day (school closed)

### Term Dates 2019-2020

#### Autumn Term 2019

4th Sept - 19th Dec

Staff Training Day - 3rd Sept

Half term 21st Oct - 25th Oct

Staff Training Day - 20th Dec

#### Spring Term 2020

7th Jan - 2nd April

Staff Training Day - 6th Jan

Half term 17th - 21st Feb

#### Summer Term 2020

20th April - 21st July

Staff Training Day - 17th April

May Bank holiday - 8th May

Half term 25th May - 29th May

Staff Training Day - 1st June