

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN









IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023



Good morning,
Welcome back to the new half term! We hope you had an enjoyable break with your children.
This half term is set to be a busy one with swimming, parent consultations, Advent and the Christmas festivities, along with all the other wonderful things that fill our school week. Please make sure you have the key dates in your diary so that you know what's coming up over the next seven weeks.
In Mr Carroll's newsletter at the end of last half term, he advised you about a new initiative called 'A bagel on your table' that starts on Monday. Attendance and punctuality is absolutely vital for your child's education and so, as of Monday, if your child is in school on time, they will have a bagel on their table to eat as they do their morning task. They must be on time as these will be cleared away shortly after.
As Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, we have taken the time to remember all of those who have lost their lives due to war and conflict, along with any friends or loved ones who are no longer with us. If you haven't been near the office, please look at the memorial garden as it really is a beautiful tribute for the month of November.
And finally, please take a look at the final page of this bulletin as we have a new feature from the librarians. Each week, two of them will provide a book recommendation for one of our fabulous books in the library. Take a look to see what they have recommended this week!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS TEACHERS

CLASS		TEACHERS	THEIR MESSAGE TO YOU
NURSERY		MISS MURPHY & MRS LAROQUE	Nursery have had a fantastic week back and we have enjoyed learning our new story- 'We're going on a Bear Hunt! Nursery have been given an optional homework task sheet to complete over this half term if they wish to do so. Letters have also been put in their reading bags about Numbots, Story Sacks and the upcoming Nativity so please ensure you read through these carefully. Have a wonderful weekend!
RECEPTION		MRS HICKMAN & MRS JONES	Well done for a super first week back! Today you will receive letters about the Nativity and the new Secret parent reader - please read them. Please also make sure that your child goes on numbots for at least 10 minutes a week, as this is classed as their weekly Maths homework. Thank you. 😊
YEAR 1		MR ABNETT, MISS CASHMORE & MR FALLOWS	What a great first week back we have had! Please ensure you bring your forest school wellies and wear old clothes next Thursday! Keep on going onto Go-read and numbots!
YEAR 2		MISS ELLIOT & MRS BARNETT	Year 2 have had a great first week back after half term! Please could you send your child's homework book in, if you haven't already, so that the spellings for the next half term can be stuck in for them to practise. Thank you 😊
YEAR 3		MR MCNAMARA & MRS DECADES	Well done Year 3! It has been a great start to the new half term and they have thoroughly enjoyed the Ancient Egyptian topic that we started on Tuesday. Keep up the good work with the optional homework - we're beating all the other classes at the moment!
YEAR 4		MR CLEWER & MRS HAWKINS	We have had a fantastic first week back in Year 4! Can I remind the class that we are doing forest school again next week, so remember your wellies!
YEAR 5		MISS NEVILLE, MRS EDGINGTON & MR LAHERT	It's been a lively start to Year 5 this week and the children have enjoyed using the glockenspiels in Music along with working collaboratively in Computing. It would be lovely if they could work collaboratively on going on TTRS each night as we've lost every class battle so far!
YEAR 6		MISS MAPOTHER, MS ELSBY-ARNOLD & MISS PLANT	Well done on a great first week back Year 6, you have worked hard! Please remember to do your homework and please practise your scripts for the Assembly on Monday, you will all be fantastic!
DAILY ACTIVE & AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS		MR READ	So far this week, the children have performed excellently throughout my active 15 sessions, afterschool clubs, and lunchtime sport activities - especially Year 6. A fantastic start to the winter term. Brilliant!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WEEK 2

DATE	CLASSES	EVENT
All week	WHOLE SCHOOL	Anti Bullying week
Friday 17 th November	WHOLE SCHOOL	Children in Need day - wear yellow and/or spots

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WEEK	DATE	EVENT
3	All week	 Our Common Home Week in school.
		 Years 5 & 6 Swimming lessons. Please note they will need a towel and swimming costume / shorts each day.
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	Wednesday 29 th November	 Parent Consultations
	Thursday 30 th November	 Year 6 Tchouckball Competition @ The Factory (details TBC)
5	Wednesday 6 th December	 Whole school mass in church @ 10am Year 6 will be leading the readings and prayers* (*may be subject to change by father Gary)
6	Wednesday 13 th December	 Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
	Thursday 14 th December	 Advent Retreat Day with One Life Music
7	Monday 18 th December	 EYFS Nativity (afternoon - time tbc)
	Tuesday 19 th December	 EYFS Nativity (morning - time tbc)
	Wednesday 20 th December	 PTFA Christmas Disco (details TBC)
		 EYFS & Y1 Theatre trip - Red Riding Hood @ Birmingham Rep
		 Whole school mass in church @ 10am - Year 5 will be leading the readings and prayers* (*may be subject to change by Father Gary)
		 An evening of Cards @ St Thomas Aquinas
	Thursday 21 st December	 Year 2 - 6 Christmas Performance in the Church @ 3.30pm
Friday 22 nd December	 Break up for the Christmas Holidays @ 1.00pm	

HAVE A FABULOUS WEEKEND!
MR CARROLL AND MISS NEVILLE





Our librarian's book recommendations



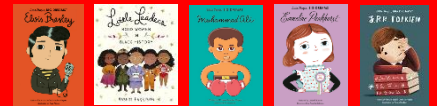
We have a fantastic team of librarians in school who work tirelessly in the library. Of course, one of the most important roles for them is to read – something we are all passionate about. They have all chosen a book from the library and produced a review, to help inspire other children to read their book.

Each week, we'll highlight two of their book recommendations for you so you can talk about them with your child. Simply scan the QR code below to read and listen to what they have to say about their chosen books.



Did you know... ?

November is 'Non-Fiction' book month where we celebrate the wonderful factual books that enable us to learn more about different subjects and people. Our library has lots of fascinating non-fiction books, including a HUGE collection of little people, big dreams books. Why not encourage your child to read a factual book this week to see what they can teach you?



Why read for 20 minutes every day?

Child A	Child B	Child C
Reads 20 minutes per day	Reads 5 minutes per day	Reads 1 minute per day
Hears 1,800,000 words per year	Hears 282,000 words per year	Hears 8,000 words per year