

# November



## FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2022

As the weather is turning colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a coat in school every day. We still want to be outside but we need the children to be safe and warm. Thank you.  
Mrs Frampton

### Swimming

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to their swimming lessons—well done! They have 3 weeks of lessons left so please remember their swimming kits and donations.

### World Science Day

We all enjoyed some extra science activities last week as we joined in with World Science Day. Thank you to Mrs Maddison for organising the day.

### Remembrance Day

We joined together last Friday to think about all those who serve us. Children made poppy wreaths and read out some really moving poems they had written. There are some pictures of these on our Twitter account.

### Chance to shine cricket

We are really pleased to be able to offer an additional PE session for classes across the school with an amazing cricket coach. He is coming in for 6 weeks and we are looking for our next World Cup winners!

### Anti Bullying Week

Thank you to Miss Briant and Mr Walsh for organising a week of activities and assemblies to help us remember how important it is to have a kind, thoughtful school where children are accepted and not bullied. Children were reminded of who to talk to if they felt they are ever being bullied. We also discussed how important it is not to just stand and watch bullying but to take action and get some help.

### Reception starters 2023

We really enjoyed welcoming so many parents to our open afternoons this week. Places are going fast for September so please ensure you get your applications in to BCP quickly!

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### Our focus for this year

We are having a real focus on the children being independent in their learning this half term. How independent are they at home?

### Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

Children need to be in school every day and on time to ensure the best chance of them reaching their potential.

Please remember that where possible, medical appointments should be made out of school time and the school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.**

Attendance at the end of this week

Whole school: 93.4% compared to 93.7% nationally

Year 1: 93.8%

Year 2: 94.8%

Year 3: 96.7%

Year 4: 91.8%

Year 5: 92.6%

Year 6: 92.9%

Well done to Y1 for having 100% attendance last week and earning a non uniform day!

Sadly, it is children having holidays in term time that is pulling our attendance down.

Please remember that you are likely to receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per parent, per child, if you choose to take your child on holiday in term time.

### Parent Champion

All of our December slots are full now. If you would like to book in to see Tash, our Parent Champion in January please email the school office.

Date:

9.30 and 10.30am available.

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### Football World Cup

On Monday, the England match is being played in school time. As we know we have a lot of football fans here, we will be showing the match for those children who want to watch it. Other activities will be provided for children who don't want to. We are conscious of the concerns about the host country and will use it as a chance to discuss human rights and our British Values. We are also aware that there are planned protests for the matches. Staff will be present at all times while children are watching the match and if necessary, will turn the match off.

### Honeypot Residential

15 of our Year 5 children are attending a 4 day residential next week with the Honeypot Charity. Mr Walsh is accompanying them. We hope you have some nice weather and know you will have an amazing time!

### Rocksteady

Next week we will be welcoming Rocksteady to school to lead an assembly and some workshops. We hope to then offer weekly music lessons and create our own school band! Watch this space.

### Christmas....

I know it seems really early to be talking about Christmas but in a primary school it comes along from mid November!

Activities in school:

- 28th November is our Decorate the school afternoon
- 5th December at 5pm is our Carol Concert on the playground
- Infant nativities will take place in the week of 5th December (details to follow)
- 8th December is Christmas Jumper Day. Please bring £1 for Save the Children
- 13th December is our Christmas service at High Cross Church in the morning and our Christmas parties in the afternoon (details to follow)
- 12th and 14th December will be our Christmas lunches
- 15th December is a non uniform day for the Foodbank and our last day of term

### Holiday Club

We are running a holiday club again through Premier Education in the first week of the Christmas holiday. This is FREE for children in receipt of free school meals. A link has been sent via Marvellous Me to book on.

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### Early Help Navigator – Thursday drop-ins

Navigators can help support children, young people and families by providing the right support at the right time.

Come in and chat to your local navigator for information, advice and guidance for your whole family, from age 0 to 19 years and up to 25 for young people with special educational needs (SEN), everyone is welcome

The sessions will be running from:

**10 November until 15 December, 9 to 11am**

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23rd Nov

7th Dec

4th Jan

18th Jan

1st Feb



50p  
per person

- What?** Fun, Games, Friendship, Songs, Stories from the Bible, Craft.
- Who for?** Those in School Year R to Year 2
- When?** Wednesdays Fortnightly 3.45pm-5pm (Drop off available from 3.30pm)
- Where?** The Runway, 15 Airfield Rd, BH23 3TG (Behind McDonalds)

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### Car park

Unfortunately, our car park is becoming unsafe again. Please only use the car park if you absolutely have to. Please walk or park outside and walk in if you can. If you do use the car park, please only park in marked bays and definitely not by the cones or in the hashed area.

### Toys and cards

A reminder that children should not be bringing toys or cards, including Pokemon cards, in to school. Thank you

**Date of next newsletter**—Friday 2nd December 2022

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