



## FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2023

This and last week I have spent lots of time in classes, talking to children and looking at work books. I have been so impressed with the children's learning and how they can express what makes them excellent.

Mrs Frampton

### Rags 2 Riches

Thank you for all of your donations to our collection. We raised £57.50 for the school.

### Parent Governors

We are looking for an enthusiastic parent to join our Governing Body. We meet about once a half term on a Monday from 4.30-6.00pm. As a governor you can really help shape the direction of the school and help to ensure the best outcomes possible.

### Bling your Bike Day

It was great to see so many bikes and scooters 'blinged up' to remind us to be seen now the evenings are getting darker. Thank you also to Sustrans for running these great events for us.

### Remembrance Day

We stopped and reflected for Remembrance Day last Friday. Thank you for all your donations to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal too.

### Anti Bullying Week

We had a full timetable of anti bullying activities this week and thank you to Miss Briant for organising them for us. We started the week with our Odd Socks Day to remind us we are all different and that should be celebrated- everyone looked fantastic!

Our assemblies and PSHE lessons have built on this theme. The children were reminded what bullying is and how it is different to falling out with your friends or someone being unkind to you but how in all of these situations you must tell an adult.

We also talked about not being a bystander. If you see something happening that is not right, you must tell an adult.

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## Fire Safety Visit

Reception, Y2 and Y5 really enjoyed their session with the Fire Service this week, learning how to keep safe from fires. The children have some homework too so make sure you ask them about the visit.

## Road Safety Week

Next week is Road Safety Week and we will be talking about how to stay safe when walking near the roads, crossing roads and cycling / scooting. Please reinforce these safety messages at home.

## Attendance

### Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

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

Year group	Attendance	National attendance
1	91.9%	95.1%
2	95.6%	95.4%
3	95.1%	95.6%
4	94.2%	95.4%
5	94.2%	95.2%
6	90.9%	94.9%

**That means across the whole school, 112 children have met or exceeded our target of 96% attendance! Congratulations to those children!**

## Honeypot Y5 residential

We are really pleased to be able to offer our free residential to 12 Y5 children again this year. Mr Wallace will have been in touch if your child is being offered a place.

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### Y5 trip to Winchester Science Museum

Thank you to all those parents who paid the donation for the trip. This trip will be able to go ahead as planned.

### Christmas Carol Concert

Please come and join us on Monday 4th December at 5pm for our annual carol concert. We will be on the main playground as last year. Please wrap up warm! Refreshments such as mince pies, hot chocolate and mulled wine will be available for a donation. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Goodbye

Mrs Ramos has secured a new position at St Joseph's Primary School from January. We are really sad she is moving on but excited for her as she takes the next step in her career. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Ramos for all that she has given to our school over the years  
We have already started the search for a replacement and will keep you informed.

### Children in Need Day

As the School Council haven't started their fundraising efforts for this year yet, we decided to take the opportunity to support Children in Need and the Foodbank. Thank you to all those who paid £1 or brought a donation in exchange for wearing non uniform. We raised £90 and had a huge pile of food!

### Welcome!

Lucy Macmillan started this week as our Pastoral Leader. She has spent this week having induction and will be out on the gates meeting you all from next week. Please come and say hello and make her welcome. If you would like to book an appointment with Lucy, please call the main office.

### Date of next newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

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