

Thursday 16th November 2023

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A big well done to our Year 6 children this week who have completed some first aid training in school and also to members of our school council, some of whom accompanied Mrs Cadogan to Heywood Sports Village to complete the first session of our pupil Well-Being Ambassadors programme. Pupil advocates and direct peer-to-peer support will add further add to our already extensive provision for our children and provide a further point of contact and support for any child in school who needs it.

On Friday of this week, we are wearing non-uniform for Children in need Day. Our PTA have been busy gathering together Christmas costumes for school plays and also very good condition Christmas jumpers. We do have a Christmas jumper day coming up so now is a great time to have a look whether they have anything suitable on the racks and if you are in a position to donate any outgrown jumpers/costumes you have at home, that would be brilliant. It can work out quite a lot of money for items that children usually only wear once or twice before growing out of them. If we can all help each other to save some money at this time of year then that is always a good thing!

Parents evenings have gone really well this week. Attendance has been high and lots of happy faces on the way out which is not a surprise but is still good to see! Thank you for your patience where there have been difficulties with bookings. By the time Friday came around, Mrs Cadogan had a fair number of queries to get through but she got there in the end!

Thank you for your kindness and supportive words to teachers, they really have had a busy couple of weeks so your good wishes and feedback has been most appreciated. Lots of parents have asked about when our report will be published. There are levels of checks that reports must go through before they can be published and shared with parents. This can take a few weeks. I hope before Christmas. We will inform parents directly when the report goes live and also send you the link.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.1%

This week's winning class: 4W 98% Super!



Poppy Appeal

The school council would like to thank everyone who has supported the Poppy Appeal over the last two weeks by purchasing poppies and poppy-themed items. They have been amazed by your generosity.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair last week. We have taken just over £2000 in sales which is amazing. School will receive 60% commission in books that will be used across school.



Children In Need

Children may come in non-uniform (spots if they wish!) this Friday (17th November 2023) for Children in Need.

Neeli Mosque Assemblies

Thank you to our friends from Neeli Mosque who visited school last Friday to lead assemblies about the Prophet Muhammad PBUH. Pupils really enjoyed learning about the Prophet and asked some really insightful questions.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is anti-bullying week. This year's theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying' to encourage children to speak out against bullying. Children will be completing activities around this theme in class during the week.

Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Harry	5M: Christopher
R1: Mason	6W: Maisie
R2: Beauden	6M: Coragh
1W: Matilda	Mrs Cadogan: Eric
1M: Jessica	
2W: Jessica	
2M: Jack	
3W: Zakariyya	
3M: Aisha	
4W: Poppy	
4M: Jordan	
5W: Ben	



Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parents' Evenings this week. We hope you found the meeting with your child's class teacher informative. Please use the target sheet handed out to help you to support your child at home.

Poet Andy Tooze Visit

Poet, Andy Tooze, will be visiting Whittaker Moss on Friday 24th November 2023 to lead assemblies and workshops for pupils across school. Signed copies of his three full-length books will be available to purchase on the day of his visit. Their titles are 'Green Shoots Rising', "The Poetry Bug," and "The Poetry Bug Strikes Again" These are all published by Matador and will be available at a specially reduced price of £5 per book, cash only please, on this day.

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School Council News

The school council will meet this Friday to discuss their Mental Health campaign and to plan for the upcoming Christmas Trolley fundraiser. More details about this event are to follow.

On Thursday, eight of our councillors will attend training to be Wellbeing Ambassadors for the school.

Scooter Workshops

Classes across school participated in a scooter workshop last week which was really well received by pupils and staff. School has purchased half a class set of scooters, with the view to incorporating the use of them into some P.E. lessons.



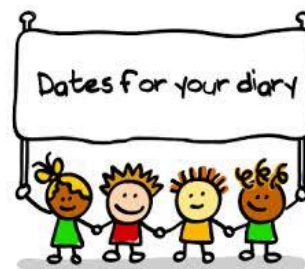
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for the last week before the holiday:

Nursery: Isaak	
R1: Aariz	5W: Idrees
R2: Aminah	5M: Hadi
1W: Marwah and Maryam	6W: Ismail
1M: Finley	6M: Zara
2W: Alyssa	
2M: Cecilia	
3W: Lucia	
3M: Ollie	
4W: Ayaan	
4M: Alizah	

Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2023

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



W/C 13th November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14th November 2023	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 15th November 2023	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 17th November 2023	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Tuesday 21st November 2023	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am and 11am
Friday 24th November 2023	PTA used uniform sale after school
Friday 1st December 2023	Advent Assemblies
Monday 11th December 2023	PTA Christmas Event Day in school
Tuesday 12th December 2023	Reception Christmas Concert 9.30am
Wednesday 13th December 2023	Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am (please note change of date)
Thursday 14th December 2023	Year 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am (please note change of date)
Friday 15th December 2023	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th December 2023	Nursery Christmas Concert 10am
Tuesday 19th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St Paul's Church 10am
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Whole School Christmas Party Day
Thursday 21st December 2023	Star of the Term Assembly
Thursday 21st December 2023	Pupils finish for the Christmas break