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## November 2021 Newsletter



### Harvest Festival

Last term, the children took part in our Harvest Festival Assembly. As part of the festival celebrations, we organised a food collection which Lincoln Foodbank kindly collected from us. We were so thankful for the incredibly kind donations from all of our families- especially at this difficult time. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

### Healthy Snacks

Please can we ask that any morning break snacks that the children bring in to school from home are healthy ones. This might be a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks or crackers and cheese etc. May we please ask that sweets, chocolate, biscuits or crisps are not given as a snack.

### Parents' Evenings

Thank you for the incredible support that was shown at our recent parent evenings. It was wonderful to be able to hold these face-to-face this year and thank you for being so respectful of the guidelines that we had in place. We are delighted to share with you that 100% of our parents were able to attend a meeting with their child's Class Teacher.

We are really grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback identified within the parental surveys. Thank you all so much for taking the time to complete these. We truly value your feedback and we work hard to act upon your suggestions where possible.



### Muddy Field

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in ensuring that their children do not go on the school field before school. This has helped us to ensure that the carpets are kept as clean as possible and suitable for the children to work on where needed.

## Welcome Back after the Half Term Break

We are delighted to have had such a successful first half term and we have welcomed the pupils back to enjoy the learning and experiences which are ahead of them. The children and staff have come back from the October break refreshed, and the new term has started in a very positive and focussed way. We look forward to the learning which will be taking place in the term ahead.





### Children in Need

This year, in order to support Children in Need, we have decided to ask the children to help us in raising money for the charity by inviting the children to come to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November in non-school uniform.

This year, Children in Need are working on the theme of "Together we can change young lives" Findings from the charity's recent research show that the past 18 months have had a huge impact on the UK's children and young people. Together, we can change the lives of the children and young people that need us most.

The amazing projects that BBC Children in Need support help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people all over the country. We are sure you'll agree this is a very worthy cause and hope that you are able to support our fundraising. **Because we are now a cashless school, should you want to donate to this cause, please donate following this link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>**

### Keeping Children safe Online

Online safety can be a bit of a mine-field and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. Join Lincolnshire's Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers.

**Sign up will be required to access this FREE session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-168597709287>**

### Poppies on Sale

Poppies and other items will go on sale from **Tuesday 2nd November**. These will be sold each day **before school** outside the Year 1 Classroom– all money **donated** will be given to The Royal British Legion.

Pupils will also have a special assembly on 11th November to give them an increased understanding of Remembrance Day.

### Christmas Productions

Christmas is approaching and both the pupils and staff will soon be busy preparing for the Reception Production of "Born in Bethlehem", the Year 1 Christmas Productions of "Bethlehem's Buzzin" and our Year 2 production of "I'm gonna Shine".

We have not yet made a decision as to whether we will be able to invite our parents in to the academy in order to watch the performances or whether will again share a recording of these with you. We want to go ahead with these events as we see them as an important aspect in the children's time at school and we hope that you are able to support us in any decision we make.

We would very much appreciate any support that you are able to give your child in learning any lines and providing them with a costume. Please do not feel that a lot of money needs to be spent on these- some of the best costumes are often those made at home! Further communication regarding costumes will follow shortly and should you need any support at all, please just get in touch. Thank you.

### Diary Dates

#### **November**

**1<sup>st</sup> - First Day of Autumn Term 2**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 1 visit to Mrs Smith's Cottage**

**9<sup>th</sup> – Rand Farm Talk for Parents  
(Further details to follow)**

**11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day**

**16<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning for 2022 intake**

**17<sup>th</sup> - Interfaith day**

**19<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need**

**23<sup>rd</sup> - Imam from Lincoln Mosque to visit Y 3/4**

**25<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning for 2022 intake**

#### **December**

**10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper/Party wear Day**

**13<sup>th</sup> - Autumn Homework Share**

**17<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Autumn Term 2**



### Earrings

Please can we remind parents that earrings must not be worn during PE sessions. Children who are not able to remove these by themselves before a PE session are asked to come to school on the day of their PE session not wearing any earrings.