



**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**POPPIES**

During assemblies over the next few days, I will be teaching the children about Remembrance Day and talking about the significance of poppies. Of course I will do it in a way that is appropriate for such young children but as a school we feel that it is something children should be aware of.



Poppies will be on sale every day until November 11<sup>th</sup> and although there is no set price for a poppy, we think that children should make a minimum donation of 20p.

There will also be other poppy themed merchandise on sale in the playground before school each morning at a cost of 50p per item. These include coloured pencils, wrist bands, key rings, hairbands and bracelets.



**PHOTOS**

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER. They will take photos of individuals and also of siblings within school. Of course there is no obligation to buy the photos but if you do order, they will be ready in time for Christmas.

**PARKING**



As the evenings get darker and the weather gets colder, we expect that more people will be inclined to drive their children to and from school rather than walk, cycle or scoot. Please remember ONLY to park on the same side of the road as the school, and not on the kerb. This keeps the road clear for residents and emergency vehicles, and the paths clear for pedestrians.

**FRIENDS OF GARRICK GREEN (FOGG)**

Thank you to all of you who attended the AGM which enabled us to form a new committee - the first meeting was this week when the Christmas Fair and other fund raising events were discussed and planned.

**CHILDREN IN NEED**



Children in Need day is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. To raise money we will hold a non-uniform day and will charge £1.50 per child. This is not compulsory.

**NORSE SCHOOL DINNER TASTER SESSION**

We are still concerned with the amount of food waste every lunchtime. Norse have offered to come in and do a taster session for parents so that you can see and taste some of the dinners for yourselves. This will be from 2.30-3.00 pm on WEDS 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER but a letter will follow.



**FAREWELL**

Jacqui Ellis who works in Lisa Sturman's class on Fridays as a TA will be leaving us on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November for a few months as her baby is due in December. We wish her all the best and will miss her for the rest of the school year. Sandra Tink will cover Jacqui while she is off.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Just a reminder that Parent/Teacher Interviews for each class are as follows:

RE - TUES 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

HP - WEDS 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

ET - THURS 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

LB - FRI 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

LS - MON 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

BH - TUES 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

Appointments for all of the above are during the morning.

All teachers will also have appointments on TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER between 4.30 pm and 7.20 pm.

**DIARY DATES**

All dates are on the website calendar but they're on here as well to make sure you don't miss anything...

THURS 3 <sup>RD</sup> NOV	9AM	Y1 READING EVENT
WEDS 9 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	9.15 AM	PHOTOS
MON 14 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	A.M	LIBRARY VAN
FRI 18 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	ALL DAY	CHILDREN IN NEED
WEDS 23 <sup>RD</sup> NOV	2.30 PM	NORSE TASTER SESSION
TUES 29 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	PM	WHOLE SCHOOL THEATRE TRIP
FRI 2 <sup>ND</sup> DEC	3-5 PM	CHRISTMAS FAIR
WEDS 7 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	9.45-10.30	RECEPTION NATIVITY FOR LB CLASS PARENTS
THURS 8 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	9.45-10.30	RECEPTION NATIVITY FOR LS CLASS PARENTS
SAT 10 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	10.30 A.M	GARRICK GREEN SINGERS AT JOHN LEWIS
MON 12 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	9.00 A.M	Y2 READING EVENT
TUES 13 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	5.45-7.15	Y1/Y2 DISCO
WEDS 14 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	12-1 P.M	CHRISTMAS DINNER
WEDS 14 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	2-3.30 P.M	OPEN AFTERNOON
FRI 16 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	ALL DAY	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
FRI 16 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	9.00 A.M	RECEPTION STORY CAFÉ
FRI 16 <sup>TH</sup> DEC	ALL DAY	LAST DAY OF TERM

**BIKES AND SCOOTERS**

Please remember and remind your children of the school playground rule that bikes and scooters must not be ridden - in the morning they need to get off them at the gate and wheel them to the racks behind the mobile. After school they need to collect them from the racks and wheel them to the gate before getting on them.



**THEATRE TRIP**

We are delighted that FOGG are able to fund the whole school going to The Playhouse Theatre on 29<sup>th</sup> November to see 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We haven't told the children yet and would like to keep it a surprise for the time being so we would appreciate it if you kept this to yourselves. The trip will be in school time but there will be no hot dinners that day as we have to have a very early lunch. School packed lunches will be available or you can send a packed lunch from home. A permission slip and lunch ordering form will follow shortly.

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



**RECEPTION OUTDOOR AREA**

There are still children playing on the climbing structure outside the Reception classrooms after school each day. Please can you stop your children from doing this as we cannot supervise them at this time.



**INTERNATIONAL WEEK**



We had great fun in our International Week just before half term when all classes learnt about France. They all did some cooking where they made brioche, they made a physical map of Paris, they made the Eiffel Tower with art straws, did a piece of art work in the style of Matisse and learnt about Louis Braille.

Hopefully they can all tell you something about France and maybe even find it on a map.

**READING FOR PLEASURE**

Those of you who attended one of the curriculum meetings for parents before half term will know that one of our school targets this year is to develop a culture of reading for pleasure. Lots of our children who are in the early stages of reading see reading as a bit of a chore and we want to change this attitude.

Over the year we will be making some changes to the library and the reading scheme and will also be implementing some new initiatives to help us achieve this target.

One of these is the library van - due to the good response when they visited in October, they are now making our school a regular stop and will give us 50 minutes instead of 20 to ensure that everyone who wants to visit can do so. The next visit is on MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER so don't forget to send your child with their library card that day or request a form from your child's teacher if they don't have a library card.

Another initiative that has started this week in Y1 and Y2 is a daily 15 minute reading activity slot. Each week the children will do the following: reading to themselves (reading book, library book, classroom book or book from home), reading to each other, a class story, a visit to the school library and a book discussion.

We will update you with more changes as and when they happen.

**FUNDRAISING**

The Reception classes have exciting plans to build a stage in their outdoor area. To help finance this they will have a cake sale after school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November so your support would be greatly appreciated.

