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Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a good half term break. We have had a good first week back and we are now moving into the busy November and December period with lots going on. Thank you all for your support with our activities and please keep reading the weekly newsletter (which can also be found on the website) to keep updated as to what is happening. Also, don't forget to ask your children what they have been doing and what is happening next. I am sure they will enjoy telling you!

Link to Hope The boxes will be collected during the week beginning Monday 13th November - there will be a final deadline date in the newsletter next week. Do take a look at <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2017> for further information. Leaflets with further information were sent home on Tuesday. Our shoeboxes will go directly to people who are poor and marginalised in Eastern Europe. Link to Hope distributes shoeboxes through trusted partners in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine. They go to families, the elderly and people that literally struggle to survive on a day to day basis. A simple gift of a shoebox shows love and care for people who would otherwise have very little hope. I hope that together we can make Christmas special for families and elderly in need of love and care.



Curriculum updates will be accompanying this letter. These give an overview of the topics which your child will be learning about this half term.

Poppies for Remembrance will continue to be on sale in school next week. Children can bring in a donation to buy a poppy. We also have a range of other British Legion fundraising items - poppy reflectors, colouring pencils, rulers, wrist bands and bracelets. Please pop by the School Office if you are interested in supporting this worthwhile charity.

Armistice Day We will again be joined by Mr Bryer from the Royal British Legion for our Worship next Friday morning. A two minute silence will be held by the whole school at 11am.

Class Worship Our next Class Worship will be on Wednesday 15th November and will be led by Y21P. Parents of children in Y21P are welcome to join us for this Act of Worship at 9am.

School Meals We will be on week 2 of our new menu next week, with pizza (pepperoni or cheese and tomato) on Monday.

Headteacher's Awards



Week ending Friday 3rd November

Y2C	Harrison Rodriguez-Holmes
Y21P -Y2	Abbey Snow
Y1NT	Faith Lynn
ROF	Isabella Long
RG	Jerry Utting-Fincham

Y2N	Heidi Obikpo
Y1	Connor Gowers
Y1G	Matty Tillinghast
RMN	Daniel Keel

Attendance Cup This week's winners are Y1NT with 99.2%.



Punctuality Bear This week's winners are St John's with a fantastic 100%.



Children in Need 2017 - A message a from Mrs Morum - Last year we raised an amazing £1,700.55 for Children in Need! We want to see if we can beat that amount this year. With this in mind, each

class will be asking for sponsorship to undertake challenges with their class and competing to raise the largest sum of money. These challenges will take place during the week commencing Monday 13th November.

- **RG, RMN and ROF** will be completing a **Sponsor 10 Challenge**. The children will aim to complete as many of the 10 challenges set up across the three Reception classes as they can.
- **Y1G and Y1NT** will be asking for **sponsorship** for completing a **tricky obstacle course**.
- **Y21P** will be undertaking a **Sponsored Walk** in the school grounds, challenging themselves to do as many laps of the school playground as they can in the time.
- **Y2C and Y2N** will be challenging themselves with a **Sponsored Spell** so see if you can fit in some extra spelling practice this week in preparation!

Please look out for sponsorship forms coming home next week and encourage your child to collect as many sponsors as possible.

You can also help top up your child's class total by hunting high and low for any old pound coins to add to your child's class 'Pudsey's Round Pound Countdown' pot. So, get the children rummaging down the back of the sofas, in the old money boxes and under the seats in the car and see how many you can find!

This year Children in Need are promoting '**The Big Spotacular**' so, as a whole school, we are also holding a **Spotacular Day** on **Friday 17th November**. For 50p (suggested donation) we are inviting the children, and staff, to come to school in something spotty.

Thank you in advance for your support of this great cause. Children in Need support a wide range of projects helping children and young people in the UK.

Reception Request Mrs O'Sullivan and the Reception team are busy planning some new outside learning experiences. If you have any of the following that are no longer needed at home, and that you can donate to school, we would be very grateful ... dolls, prams, small world characters (especially pirates and knights), boats, easels, plastic percussion instruments, gravel, bark chips, weed lining, guttering. If you can help with this request please speak to Mrs O'Sullivan.

Think of a Question is our family challenge! Thank you for all the questions sent in to school. Here are some of the last ones ... 'Why is it so dark?' (Jacob Shaw, Y21P)

'Is the car stuck in the grass?' (Evan Garn-Blow, ROF)

'Is the home deserted? Why did they park on the grass?' (Skylar Hinga, Y1G)

'How long has it been there for? Is it in America?' (Lottie Palmer, Y1NT)

Look out for a new picture next week.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe, especially if you are out enjoying fireworks.

Yours sincerely,

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