



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term two. This is always one of our busiest and exciting terms, as we start with our firework extravaganza this week and move on to our Christmas celebrations.



Charity

Once again our hard-working, compassionate children gave up their time to sell cakes, bookmarks and other goodies to raise money for Mollie's Miracle – for research into AT. They raised £80.25 and we are very proud of them.

We also held the 'Wear it Pink' day on the last day of term, Tuesday 22nd October, to raise money for breast cancer, and we are delighted to say that our families generously donated the sum of £453.28 to this important charity. It was lovely to see so many of our children and staff getting involved.



Our next planned charity is linked to Children in Need, which falls on Friday 15th November, and children will be able to make a small donation to this charity on that day. In addition to this, a group of year 4 children (Marnie, Aubree, Jessica and Ava) will be selling small items that same week (11th to 14th November) in aid of Children in Need.



PTA

The October discos were a great success, and the children embraced the opportunities to dance with their friends and to have fun. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the events such a success.



The next PTA event is our wonderful bedtime stories evening, on November 22nd, when our youngest children in EYFS get to come back to school in their pyjamas and with their teddies, have flavoured milk and cookies, and snuggle up to have stories read to them by school staff.

We will very soon be receiving our book vending machine, which is fully funded by the PTA. This will take pride of place in our reception area and will be a great incentive for children to read more. The PTA have also agreed to fund a sensory trail, some additional sports kit and the EYFS/KS1 pantomime.

Information about future PTA events will follow in the PTA newsletter, and we would like to thank our PTA again for all their hard work to support the school and our children.



Playground Improvements

Mrs Hatton is working hard with the Lunchtime Team to reinvigorate lunchtimes and make them more interesting for our pupils. Playground Zones have been set up with equipment that has been kindly donated by our PTA. However, we wondered if you had any other items that could be used during the lunchtime period as well?

Suggested items include:

- Role play costumes
- Duplo/ lego
- Board games (no small pieces please)
- Balls of wool (for making friendship bracelets)

Mrs Pare has worked tirelessly to source some exciting playground paint colours in order to refresh and brighten up the fences, planters and shed outside. She has managed to secure a generous donation from Dulux and is looking forward to choosing some vibrant colours and honing her painting skills!



Reading Ambassadors

Our newly elected ambassadors have been working alongside some of the original ambassadors and are full of enthusiasm for promoting reading around the school. One of their ideas is to organise a reading advent calendar for each class or year group. More details to follow next term!



Music for Schools

The children had the opportunity to experience a special assembly at the end of last term, where Music for Schools Foundation taught them about a range of musical instruments. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument please register your details at www.mfsf.org.uk/interested or visit www.mfsf.org.uk and click on Enrol.



Agents for Change

The new Agents for Change have been introducing themselves and their role within school by reading to each year group over several afternoons. The children read books that celebrate diversity and inclusion in all its forms to encourage discussion and develop understanding amongst our pupils of neuro diversity, physical disability, religious or cultural diversity and celebrate our uniqueness.

Remembrance Day

As I reminded you in the previous newsletter, Remembrance Day, 11th November, falls on a Monday this year and we will be marking this important day with a special assembly. Any child who is a member of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, as well as Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, can wear their uniforms to school on Monday November 11th.

Poppies are on sale daily in school.



Diversity

We were all very excited and a little bit starstruck to welcome Dr Ranj to school. He agreed to read one of his books to the children up to and including Year 3. He is known for presenting on a number of television shows, including 'Get Well Soon' on CBeebies. He has also written some children's books which celebrate diversity. He shared his book, A Super Hero Like You, with the children, and signed a few of his other books for the school.



We all wore red on Friday, 18th October to participate in 'Show Racism the Red Card' day. It was lovely to see so many of our children take part in this important anti-racism event, and reminds us all of how important it is to be upstanders and not bystanders.



Safeguarding

As a whole school, we have been working to promote the NSPCC's message of 'speak out and stay safe'. The children all took part in an assembly on this theme where they heard about the ways in which children could be hurt by others, that it is never a child's fault, and all children have the right to be kept safe. The children spoke about who to talk to if they, or a friend needs help. We are encouraging the children to remember this message by looking out for 'Buddy', a cartoon character, who pops up around the school reminding them to speak out whenever they are worried.



Finally

We hope as many of you as possible can join us for our fireworks extravaganza on Friday. If you haven't got your tickets yet they are available to purchase via Arbor or at the school office and coffee box.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs K Connolly".

Mrs K Connolly
Head of School

Dates for the Diary

Please take a careful look at the following dates, all of which can be found on the Events Calendar on the school website, and make a note of any that may affect your child.

Date	Event
Friday 8th November	Fireworks Night - Gates open at 5.00pm
Monday 11th November	Healthy Bladder and Bowel session for parents - 1.30pm
Wednesday 13th November	Positive Noticing day
Thursday 14th November	Crocodile Class Assembly - 2.30pm
	Book Fair - 3.30pm
	PTA Meeting - 7.30pm
Friday 15th November	Book Fair - 3.30pm
Thursday 21st November	Hippopotamus Class Assembly - 2.30pm
Friday 22nd November	EYFS PTA Bedtime Stories - 5.00pm

Have Your Say Meetings:

Tuesday 4th February at 2.30pm
Monday 23rd June at 2.30pm

