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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 22nd November 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

November is slipping away rather quickly and life at school is very busy with lots of exciting projects and ventures.

This Week's News ...

We Will Remember Them

Year 5 and 6 are learning about World War II in their History. On Wednesday Mr Smith took his class to Cosford where they learned about the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. They have been researching what life would have been like then. They have also had a visit today from Mr Cartman today who has talked to them about life in the modern military.

Year 6 are visiting Cosford on Wednesday 27th November. Please make sure they have returned their forms.

Bikeability - Level 2 training

Well done to all of Year 6. Everyone passed their Level 2 bikeability training. Please remind your children to apply the important rules of the road that they have learned when they are out on their bikes- especially wearing a helmet and high visibility clothing.

Active Starters Training

On Monday 4 of our Year 5 children went to St Mary's to complete training to lead PE in school along with the Year 6 ambassadors. Kobe, Noah, Lucy and Imogen all showed great learning skills, respect and determination which are the qualities we are looking for in these leaders.

Book Award Conference for Teachers and Leading In Reading Ambassador Award

On Wednesday Mrs Lee and I went along to the Book Award conference for teachers in Shropshire Schools which took place at the University Centre in Shrewsbury. We spoke to teachers at the conference about how Book Award had inspired our children in their reading and how we ran the Bookfest project in our school.

We were one of four schools in Shropshire to be awarded the Leading In Reading Ambassador Award from the Shrewsbury Bookfest team. We are very honoured to have received this prestigious award. Thank you to all of our Reading Community for helping to achieve this. Reading Volunteers play a big part in this. Donation of books is another way parents often help and of course **the most important thing - ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILDREN WITH THEIR LOVE OF READING.**

TT Rockstars

Well done to all the children who participated in the TT Rock Stars challenge. Ash Class - our Year 6 class came 33rd in the country out of 21,000 schools that took part. Ewan Fellows won the award for our most valuable player, Jack Payton was our 2nd most valuable player and Kody Gilbody our 3rd. These children's tables knowledge will be amazing as a result of this effort. Well done all 3 boys who give so much personally to school and also add to team spirit too. Year 6s are having a treat this afternoon as a result of their hard work.

Dodgeball/Handball Festival - Year 3

Eight of our Year 3 children went to a Dodgeball/Handball festival on Thursday afternoon at BES. They joined in games with other schools and had a great time. Well done.

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SCHOOL MEMBER



Christmas Fayre - Jam Jars

Thank you for your kind donations of jam-jars today. This will be a very popular stall at the Christmas Fayre. Next Friday is the Fayre itself and we hope you will attend and give up some time to help if possible. Children are bringing in plants and cakes in exchange for house-points on Friday 29th November.

Newspaper Club

Newspaper Club runs on Tuesday evenings from 3.15 to 4.15. There are still a few spaces for children from Y4, Y5 and Y6. This will feed into our Gambia Project for the forthcoming year.

Other News and Forthcoming Events ...

Year 4 Writing Project Visit to St Edwards

On Tuesday Year 4 are going to visit a class of children in St Edwards School in Selly Oak to join in activities for a writing project. We are going to read stories and poems about Empathy and join in interviewing activities. This will become part of our Gambia Project for next year.

Coding Club

Mr Smith is starting a Coding Club after school on Tuesdays from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm. Children can pick up a letter from him. This will be a first come first served basis and then we will create a waiting list. Coding is an important part of our ICT in school.

Tree Planting Afternoon

We have been donated trees for our school grounds from the Woodland Trust and will be having a planting afternoon on Thursday 5th December. We could use some parent or grandparent helpers. If you can spare an hour or two from 1.30 pm on that afternoon with your wellies and a spade, we would very much appreciate your help. Please fill in the form below to indicate whether you can help or not.

Choir and Year 4 Singing Events

By the time you read this letter we will be on our way to the Lighting Up Ceremony. I know you have all returned your forms about the other 2 events - Christmas Fayre - Fri 29th November and the Carol Concert - Tues 3rd December- thank you. If any of you could reconsider the Carol Concert we are short of numbers especially from Year 5 and Year 6. It is a lovely event with a real Christmas flavour. It does not go on for long - one hour at the most in a beautiful Church - St Mary's. Please phone or send in a note if anyone can attend that originally said they can't.

Gym Steps Competition - Thursday 28th November

Children who are involved in this event will have received a letter. Thanks to Kelly Woodcock for helping to prepare the team.

Walking Bus

Sorry that we had to cancel the Walking Bus from Wenlock Rise this week. We could do with more volunteers so that if one person can't help due to illness or children being ill, we can still go ahead.

School Lottery Winner

This week's winner was Hayley Robinson.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hampson
Headteacher

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Tree Planting - Thursday 5th December

I am able to help with the tree planting from 1.30 pm on 5th December.

Name of person: _____

Pupil's name: _____ Year: _____

