



Autumn Term Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had our first half term in this new school year and there has been some great learning. Already this term, we have been focussing on COP 26 and making global environmental promises, as part of our **ACT** curriculum and really learning about making a difference. We have seen already the children's awareness of global issue increase so please ask your Y1-6 children about their leaf promise.

Names in Uniform

We have stopped having piles of lost property clothing in school. Please spend half an hour one evening putting your child's name in their uniform, especially coats and jumpers (as lots of children remove them during playtimes!) We will wash any unnamed and unclaimed uniform and donate it to the 'Uniform project' (which is going really well so thank you for everyone's donations so far).

Poppy Remembrance

Last week, we were learning about why people wear poppies and stop on the '**11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month**'. Please ask your child (Y1-6) about their learning and about our lovely **ACT** poppy remembrance walls in each campus hall.



Abbey



Highfields

PoDs (Parents of Dunkirk)

We have the new **PoDs** meetings starting this term. **Parents of Dunkirk** is a new review forum where we can gather feedback from across both campuses on specific topics, all linked to school. The purpose of PoDs is to hear different viewpoints about forthcoming actions/events/decisions. Some parent governors may also attend so we ensure views get taken back to Governor committees.

The first PoD meeting will be on 30th November 2021 at 5:00pm.

If you would like to attend a PoD meeting, you will need to register for a place via formstack on a first come, first served basis. I cannot do a zoom meeting with all the parents and carers (as it would be 500+ adults!) so it will be a half termly allocation for 30 parent/carers. Don't worry if you cannot attend this time as it will re-open for new booking in each half term.

The themes for the first meeting are:

1. Home/school communication
2. School lunches

Christmas Celebrations 2021

I think one of the things that we have really missed at Dunkirk during covid is singing together so this year for Christmas we will be having playground carol concerts, that we can invite our families too and be together in 'as safe a covid way' as possible. Therefore, I would like to invite you to our,

FESTIVE OUTDOOR CAROL SING-A-LONG

These will take place in the afternoon. Parents and carers from the year groups can wrap up warm and join us outside for mince pies/treats and a lovely hot chocolate drink.



Highfields campus

Year 4 Wisteria and Madrono on Monday 13th December 1:45pm

Y5/6 Redwood Larch and Cypress on Tuesday 14th December 1:45pm

Abbey campus

Year R Apple and Olive on Monday 13th December 2:45pm

Year 1 Palm and Olive on Tuesday 14th December 2:45pm

Year 2/3 Oak Mango Rowan and Maple on Wednesday 15th December 2:45pm






We look forward to a lovely time together singing festive songs.







This is an exciting term, with lots of hard work, children making big steps in their knowledge progress and then singing and parties at the end!

Heidi Hollis

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	Campus	Note
15-18th November	PANTs focus	-	Both	nspcc website
18th November	Prospective YR parents online meeting	4:00- 5:00pm	online	
Friday 19th November	Children in Need 	All day	Both	Sparkle/Glitter /non-uniform
Tuesday 30th November	PoDs meeting 	5:00- 5:30pm	Online via zoom	Sign up- 30 parent/carers Formstack link being sent next week
Monday 6th December	Xmas Trees go up 🎄	-	Both	
13-17th December	Festive jumper week 	-	Both	Over normal school polo shirt
Monday 13th December	Y1-3 Savoy cinema trip 	10:00am and 1:00pm	Y1-3	Letter to follow. Heavily discounted cost!
Monday 13th December	Y4-6 Showcase cinema trip 	tbc	Y4-6	Letter to follow. Heavily discounted cost!

Monday 13th December	Y2/3 playground parent sing-a-long 	2:45pm	Y2/3 Abbey main playground	Wrap up warm Free hot chocolate/mince pies Children and siblings can go home straight afterwards
Monday 13th December	Year 4 Highfields playground parent sing-a-long 	1:45pm	Highfields playground stage area	Wrap up warm Free hot chocolate/mince pies Children and siblings can go home straight afterwards
Tuesday 14th December	Abbey Christmas lunch 	-	Dining hall	Letter to follow with more details
Tuesday 14th December	Y1 Abbey playground parents sing-a-long 	2:45pm	Y1 Abbey nature garden	Wrap up warm Free hot chocolate/mince pies Children and siblings can go home straight afterwards
Tuesday 14th December	Year 5 and 6 Highfields playground parents sing-a-long 	1:45pm	Highfields playground stage area	Wrap up warm Free hot chocolate/mince pies Children and siblings can go home straight afterwards
Wednesday 15th December	YR Abbey playground parents sing-a-long 	2:45pm	YR Abbey back playground	Wrap up warm Free hot chocolate/mince pies Children and siblings can go home straight afterwards
Wednesday 15th December	Highfields Christmas lunch	-	Dining hall	Letter to follow with more details



Thursday 16th December	Christmas party day 	-	Hall/classrooms	Wear party clothes Will include a special festive party lunch bag Letter to follow with more details
Friday 17th December	Non-uniform day 	-	Both	
Friday 17th December	End of term PRIDE assemblies in classroom	-	Classrooms	