



NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents,
 Welcome back, I hope you have had a wonderful break. The children have returned in their winter uniforms and all look very smart.
 We had building work done on the school roof over the holiday and this is almost completed now. We have a very busy half-term ahead and below are some dates to remember.

Open Day

Our Open Day is on Tuesday 19th November, 9.30 – 11am, 1.30pm – 3pm.

Please can you share this for us so that we can make the day as successful as possible.



Anti-Bullying Week – Week Comm 11th November

The children will have lessons on Anti-Bullying next week, with the message that we must all be tolerant of DIFFERENCE.

As part of Anti-Bullying week, we will be holding a Crazy Hair Day on Friday 15th November. So with that in mind, encourage your child to come to school with crazy hair for the day. They should come to school in their uniform, but can style their hair as they want! They can use spray colours but not permanent colours. They can wear a wig if they wish. See separate flyer for ideas.

Women's Refuge

For Harvest this year we collected for the Women's Refuge in Burnley as we have done in the past. Once again they were very grateful. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for being so generous with your donations. Many women and children arrive at the refuge with few or no belongings, and your donations go a long way to helping them rebuild their lives.



Pupil Progress Evening

If you haven't already signed up for the pupil progress evenings - which are taking place on Monday 11th November, 3.40 – 6pm and Tuesday 12th November, 6pm – 8pm - please contact the office to do so. Also just a reminder that there will be no Art Club and Infant Games on the Tuesday 12th November.

Spellings

Up until Christmas, we are trialling a new approach to teaching vocabulary. It may involve a reduction in the number of spellings your child is expected to learn each week. The emphasis will be on understanding and retention of new vocabulary, rather than quantity.

Aldi Stickers

We would just like to thank everyone who brought in Aldi stickers. We have returned the completed chart - so fingers crossed!! If you could continue to collect the stickers in the meantime, we would appreciate it.

PTA – Children's Film Night and Quiz Night for Parents

Tickets are now on sale for this event from the office. Both events are £5 each. This event will help raise money for PTA funds.

Food Bank

Our Food Bank collection is ongoing. With Christmas approaching, we are sure they will be very appreciative of donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

EYFS News

The Woodlands Trust donated some trees and rose bushes to our school. This morning Reception class enjoyed planting them with our school grounds man, Mr Whittaker. The children each planted their own tree. We discussed the importance of trees and we are going to try much harder to not waste paper in our classroom.



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Remembrance Assembly

Today we held our Remembrance. It was beautiful, respectful and moving. We were honoured to have in attendance members of the Royal British Legion and the Mayor and Mayoress of Padiham. On Thursday 5 and 6 had a special visit from Ted from The British Legion. Ted talked to the children about his experiences in World War Two. He was kind enough to answer lots of questions about the Normandy Landings. We feel privileged to have him visit our school once again.



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
11 th & 12 th November	Pupil Progress Evenings	(3.40 – 6pm) & (6pm – 8pm)
15 th November	Quiz Night and Pyjama Film Night	6.30pm – 9pm
19 th November	School Open Day	
20 th November	NSPCC Online Safety Workshop for parents	4.30pm
30 th November	Saturday Special Childcare Day	8am – 4pm
<u>Christmas Dates</u>		
9 th December	Drama Showcase	4.30pm – 5.30pm
13 th December	Christmas Disco	6pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Infant Nativity (Afternoon)	2.00pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Infant Nativity (Evening)	6.00pm
Thursday 19 th December	Junior Carol Service	7.00pm

Sports News

Sportshall Athletics

On Tuesday 5th November some children from KS2 competed in the Burnley Schools Sportshall Athletics competition. They all had to do a field and track event and 2 relay races. We did very well and came in 3rd place and are through to the small schools Athletics Finals.



Hartley Football Club Match

Our U11's football team went to soccer Burnley to play our Hartley Cup Match against Hapton Primary School. They were very successful and won the match 9-7 going through to the next round, where we play St Mary's Burnley. Good luck team!



Our Faith Ambassadors have taken each class to our Remembrance prayer focus during RE lessons this week. They have reflected and prayed for those who have died to secure our freedom.