

## Dates for the diary

### November

#### Monday 11th

Remembrance service

#### Tuesday 12th

New parent tours 10am & 2pm

#### Friday 15th

Children In Need Day

#### Wednesday 27th

Christmas Fair Day

#### Thursday 28th

Reception Christmas craft day

### December

#### Monday 2nd

Rev Goodliff Assembly

#### Friday 6th

Nursery Christmas performance

#### Tuesday 10th

Yr 1 Christmas performance - 9am  
Carol singing at Centenary Place

#### Wednesday 11th

Yr 1 Christmas performance - 9am

#### Thursday 12th

Yr 2 Christingle - 9am

#### Friday 13th

Yr 2 Christingle - 9am  
Christmas Jumper Day

#### Monday 16th

Christmas dinner day

#### Tuesday 17th

Reception Christmas performance - 9am

#### Wednesday 18th

Flu immunisations  
Reception Christmas performance - 9am

#### Thursday 19th

Last day of term

### January

#### Monday 6th

Children return to school

#### Wednesday 15th

Deadline for Reception 2020 applications

Welcome back, we hope that you had a lovely half-term break. The children have all returned to school in good spirits and our week started with a bang, celebrating at our Hamstel Family Fireworks. It was a hugely popular evening with a wonderful community atmosphere and it was great to see so many of you there. We are very grateful for the fabulous display provided by Selstar and the evenings' entertainment provided by Mickey B. A huge thank you to all those that worked hard to make it such a success and gave their time so willingly. A special thank you to our wonderful chef Mr Prince who kept the hot food coming all evening.

Next week we will be marking Remembrance Day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November when we will be joined by members of the WHSB Combined Cadet Force for a whole school service. The service is held in our wildlife garden where we will have planted 'poppies' the children have made throughout this week. You are very welcome to come after school and visit the wildlife area to see this wonderful display. At the time of writing we do not unfortunately have any poppies to sell in school. Due to volunteer shortages locally The Royal British Legion have been unable to supply any this year. Please do continue to support this worthwhile charity and your child is very welcome to wear their poppy from home to school on Monday. We ask that you do not attach the poppy with a pin and suggest writing their name on the back.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

This half term the Nursery's theme will be Nursery Rhymes.

This week we are focussing on '10 Little Fireworks'. The children have been very excited to tell us about the fireworks they have seen over the last few evenings. At Nursery we have been busy making splatter paintings, using toilet tubes to make fireworks and making rockets with a variety of materials. The children have enjoyed counting up and down the number line and making lots of firework sounds.

This week's Makaton signs: Firework, rocket and bonfire.

**REMINDER: We are still finding that lots of the children's coats are not named, please ensure you put your child's name in their coat. Please make sure your child has a supply of spare pants or knickers in their bag in case of accidents, If your child has borrowed pants or knickers from Nursery please ensure that you return them to us. Thank you**

### Year R - Reception

Our new topic for this half-term is Lights and Sounds. We have started the term of by learning about Fireworks and Bonfire night and reading the story Room on the Broom. We have been making a variety of firework and bonfire pictures as well as bubble blowing paint to make different effects for a bubbling cauldron. In English this week, we have been learning to read simple labels and then use our Fred Fingers to write our own labels. In Maths we have been learning to find one more than different numbers, we have been using ten frames and cubes to help us. In handwriting we have been learning to form the letters j and y, still remembering to start and finish in the right place.

#### How to support your child at home

##### Phonics

The children have now moved into their new RWInc groups. Each group will be recapping different sounds each day. Please continue to practise the set 1 speedy sounds at home until your child is able to say all the sounds at speedily.

Red Words of the week: be, you

##### Maths

Can you find one more than by adding one more to a group of objects? For example, if you have 4 cars, how many would you have if you added one more? If you see a number when you are out can you say what one more is?

##### Handwriting

Practise writing the letter 'j and y'. Have a go at writing the letters on some plain paper. Your adult can write the letter first for you to trace until you are confident. Remember to start at the top.

## Outdoor Learning

**Monday 11th**

Kingfisher

**Tuesday 12th**

Woodpecker

**Wednesday 13th**

Owl

**Thursday 14th**

Peacock

**Friday 15th**

Swan

Please share any home learning on Tapestry for you teacher to see. confident. Remember to start at the top.

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REMINDER: Outdoor Learning next week

## Year 1

This week Year 1 have been continuing learning all about numbers to 20. We have been ordering numbers to 20, learning one more and one less of a number to 20, and finishing numbers patterns with missing numbers. We have been enjoying our new theme, Down in the Swamp. We have been looking at fairy tale characters, describing them and discussing if they are a 'good' or 'bad' character. All the classes have enjoyed their day in the wildlife area, they were very shocked to find that Shrek had set up camp. We have made mud gargoyles and have been looking at how the trees are losing their leaves. The children learned that the trees that lose their leaves are deciduous and the trees that keep their leaves are evergreens.

REMINDER: Please remember to send back your child's P.E. kit into school.

## Year 2

Welcome back Year 2! This week in Literacy we have looked at the first 5 pages of a text called the Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers where a little boy discovers an aeroplane in his cupboard and decides to go and fly it. We didn't share the rest of the story as the children had to decide what happened next. The children came up with some great imaginative ideas for the boy's journey and where he landed. We planned and wrote the next part of the story. They have worked really hard and there are some great pieces of writing in Year 2 this week. In Maths we have started learning about multiplication as equal groups and looking at different ways of representing the groups using repeated addition and multiplication e.g.  $2+2+2+2=8$ ,  $4 \times 2=8$ , 4 groups of 2 is 8 etc. We have been exploring the 2 times table as well. We have also been discussing light and dark in RE and talking about how it feels, as well as talking about Remembrance Day and preparing for service next week.

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## Book Fair

Thank you to all those that had time to visit our Book Fair before half-term, we sold over £800 worth of books over the 3 days. A whopping total! These sales earn commission which in turn allows us to order a wider variety of books for the children.

## Tempest Photography

The proofs and order form came home with your child this week. Orders can be placed online or by returning the completed order form to school in the envelope provided. **The deadline for these to be returned is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Peacock – 98.7%

Year 1: Heron – 99.3%

Year 2: Otter – 97.9%



## Dinner menu

### Monday

R - Spaghetti bolognese with a garlic bread shard

G - Vegetarian lasagne with a garlic bread shard

P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise

Garden peas & sweetcorn

Ice cream

### Tuesday

R - British chicken & vegetable pie with mashed potato & gravy

G - Sweet & spiced potato & chickpea curry with lemon infused rice

P - Pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce

Carrots & broccoli

Apple & cinnamon crumble with custard

### Wednesday

R - Honey glazed slow roasted gammon & roast potatoes with traditional gravy

### Wednesday continued...

G - Spinach, feta & tomato quiche with roast potatoes

P - Wholemeal pasta with tomato & basil sauce

Roasted seasonal root vegetables & garden peas

Waffle with chocolate sauce

### Thursday

R - Farm assured British beef lasagne with a garlic bread shard

G - Chilli Non Carne & Mexican rice with a taco shell

P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or salmon mayonnaise

Carrots & green beans

Jam sponge with custard

### Friday

R - Battered Fish or fish finger & Chips

G - Falafel wrap & minted yoghurt with chips

P - Pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce

Baked beans & garden peas

Chocolate & beetroot brownie