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## **NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term with your children and are ready for 'part 2'! Although this half term will not be the same as usual, in that there are some things that we won't be able to do due to the COVID-19 situation, we are still going to try and make sure that we get some Christmas things in so please keep an eye out for updates on Parent Mail.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

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dates for your diary. Any new dates added since the last newsletter are in red.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Please see the attached sheet of

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we are unable to obtain poppies to sell at school this year for Remembrance Day. We have been advised that



these may be available from the tills at your local supermarket. You can also donate in the following ways:-

- online at <u>www.rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal</u> and click on 'donate';

- by phone by calling 08458 451945;

by text. To donate £3.00, text Poppy to 70020, cost £3.00 plus standard network charges (typically £2.97 goes to the Royal British Legion).
by post. Just print off a donation form via the website and return to Freepost Plus RTZT-ATBH-RGBZ, The Royal British Legion, Bumpers Way, Bumpers Farm, Chippenham, SN14 6NG.

## **Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents**

Due to Covid-19 we are unable to hold our phonics workshop for Reception parents this year. Information explaining how we teach phonics in school will be sent home to Reception parents shortly.

## BBC Children in Need - Friday 13th November

We will be supporting Children in Need this year – all children are very welcome to come to school in fancy dress, or just non-uniform. Donations of

£1.00 would be really appreciated towards this very worthwhile charity. Thank you!



Children in Need

A special Christmas dinner will

<u>Christmas Dinner</u>

be served by Chartwells on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. **If your child usually has a** 

packed lunch on a Wednesday, but would like to have the free Christmas Dinner, please let the office know by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November as we will have to order extra food. Thank you.

## PTA News

Amazon Wish List - Thank you so much for all the kind contributions you have made so far. The Amazon link is still open if you are able to purchase any resources for our school. Please visit <u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/21DAQ1L</u> <u>RM17NW?ref =wl\_share</u>

**Fundraising** – As you are no doubt aware, due to the situation with Covid-19, we are largely unable to run our usual fundraising campaigns at the moment and therefore we are working hard to come up with

other options to support the school and its pupils. A few ideas have been for an online virtual raffle as well as a movie night for each class bubble. So watch this space! Any money raised is used for a variety of projects. This year the PTA are trying to raise funds to enable us to improve the landscaping of the school grounds which is a huge undertaking! We have an incredible pond area that needs renovations as well as multiple areas across the school grounds that we would like to modernise and make more accessible and usable for our young pupils.

**Volunteers** – The PTA are desperate for volunteers to either sit on the Committee or to help in any way with things like delivering letters to local companies. If you can spare any of your free time, please do let the office know and a PTA member will contact you. Thank you.

#### Makaton Magic

Please see the attached sheet showing the signs the children have been learning during October.

## Let's talk Makaton The Makaton Charity

### A Plea ....

Please, please could we ask that if your child is having packed lunches, as a healthy school we ask that you do not put any sweets or bars of chocolate such as mars bars in lunchboxes. We also ask that you avoid putting any nut products i.e. peanut butter sandwiches in lunchboxes as we have two children in school with a severe allergy to nuts. Also if your child brings a yoghurt for lunch, please can you remember to provide them with a spoon. Thank you.

#### Student Teachers

As a school who has a strong partnership with the University of Chichester, we have for many years now hosted their student teachers, some of whom have even gone on to become members of staff! It is vitally important that schools continue to support initial teacher training, even through the challenging times of the pandemic.

This half term we will be hosting a group of six student teachers who will be working in pairs across three classes for three days a week. Please be assured that both we and the university have extensive risk assessments in place to ensure that these students can safely come into school. The students are very grateful to have been given placements and have all made a commitment to stick stringently to the rules outside of school, in order that they can keep everyone safe during their time here.

## Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in Red)

Event	Date	Time
Half term	26 <sup>th</sup> October - 30 <sup>th</sup> October	
Anti-bullying week	16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> November	
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	All morning
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	all day
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	
Day		
Chartwell's Christmas lunch	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	
Christmas holidays	21st December - 1st January	
Inset Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	
Start of Spring Term for children	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	





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# We have been learning the following signs this month

