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## NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term with your children. The next half term is already looking busy with lots of events going on in the run up to Christmas, so please keep an eye out for ParentMail messages to keep you up to date.

Sadly, I am afraid that I am going to mention parking again. Can I please remind you that nobody should be parking on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school. The lines have been painted there to ensure that there is clear visibility and it is safe to walk up to the school. By parking on the lines, drivers are compromising the safety of the children. I have also had complaints again from residents, who have had parents and carers from the school parking dangerously or inconsiderately outside their properties. As a school community, we need to have positive relationships with our neighbours so please show consideration for them when parking near the school.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached sheet of dates for your diary.

Any new dates added since the last newsletter are in **red**.



### Science Week

Just a reminder that this week, the children may



bring in a simple experiment to demonstrate to their class during science week (5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November). We look forward to seeing some exciting work.

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year we have lots of lovely things for sale for the Poppy Appeal. We have snap rulers, pencils, rubbers, pencil sharpeners and of course poppies! Until Remembrance Day, the poppies will visit the classrooms each day and the other bits



will be on sale from the office. Thank you for your support.

### Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents - Thursday 14th November at 9.00

Please come along to this meeting and find out more about the teaching of phonics in Reception.

### BBC Children in Need - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 50p or £1.00 would be really appreciated towards this very worthwhile charity. Thank you!



### Rose Green Junior School

The Junior School is holding an information evening for prospective Year 2 parents and children on Tuesday 19th November at 6.00 pm. At the information evening, you will have an opportunity to meet staff and have a tour of the school.

### Harvest

A big thank you to all the Reception and Year 1 parents who collected food for the Charity, UK Harvest. Thank you also to all the Year 2 parents who contributed items for a family shoebox gift - we have enough 'goodies' to make six complete boxes to be sent to needy families this Christmas.

### NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme

The children had great fun taking part in a sponsored dance-a-thon before half term. Sally from the NSPCC visited us on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October to collect all the sponsor forms and to say a very big 'thank you' for the amazing £1438.90 which was raised. Well done to Bluebell Class for returning the greatest number of sponsorship forms.

### Christmas Concerts

Tickets for all concerts will be available from class teachers on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November - you must bring your ticket with you to the concert. There will be two tickets available per family for all the concerts taking place.

If you require any more tickets, there may be some available the day before each concert.

We would appreciate it if you try not to bring babies or toddlers along, but if you have to, they can come to some of the concerts (see diary notes below). Can we please ask that you remove them from the hall if they are noisy or cause a distraction to the children - the teachers work so hard to help them to learn the songs and their lines and they can be so easily distracted. Thank you 😊

The children will be voting in their classes on which charity we will be supporting this year.

### Christmas Dinner

A special Christmas dinner will be served by Chartwells on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. **If your child usually has a packed lunch on a Friday, but would like to have the free Christmas Dinner, please let the office know by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November as we will have to order extra food.** Thank you.



### PTA Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 5 - 7 p.m. We hope you and your family will be able to join us at this popular event. Please see the attached flyer from the PTA.

### Attachment and Trauma Programme

Our school has agreed to take part in the Alex Timpson Attachment and Trauma Programme which is a national programme that provides training to improve support for children who struggle at school because of their behaviour. Staff were involved in a training session on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November which we all found very informative. Children in Year 1 will be asked to take part in a short online questionnaire to find out about their experiences at school and what helps them learn. More information will shortly be sent to Year 1 parents.

### Linking Voices

At Rose Green Infants, all the children in the whole school are part of our School Council and every child has been given the opportunity to have a voice. We have Class Council meetings every fortnight and one



representative from each class is a 'Linking Voice' who is the link between the children in their class and the adults in school who normally make most of the decisions. The Linking Voices will meet with Mrs Sugden every fortnight to discuss questions and ideas and then take these back to their classes. The idea is that all of the children will have an opportunity to put forward their own ideas and be more part of decision making.

We will be changing the Linking Voices each term. This term we have ...

Harrison - Oak

Noah - Willow

Sofia - Sycamore

Elsie - Hedgehog

Maddie - Butterfly

Finley - Ladybird

Ryan - Bluebell

Amelie - Poppy

Willow - Sunflower



### Makaton

At Rose Green Infant School, we believe all children have the right to feel happy and safe in their learning environment. One way we encourage this is by talking with and listening to them every day. For some children, talking is not always easy so we use visual resources and actions to support them. We have had fantastic training to use *Makaton* with our pupils; a fun, interactive and inclusive way to communicate.



'*Makaton* is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. ... With *Makaton*, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear.' ([www.makaton.org](http://www.makaton.org))

We will be learning a new sign every week so please look out for our '*Makaton Magic*' in the newsletter each month and have fun signing and talking with your children! The signs we have been learning during October are attached. We also use video clips from CBeebies '*Something Special*'. Use the link below to explore some *Makaton Magic* with your family and friends!



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-something-special-really-useful-makaton-signs>

### 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.
- For health and safety, please can your child avoid wearing hooped ear-rings to school. All ear-rings need to be covered with tape during PE (it would be helpful if you could provide your child with a reel of micro pore tape that can be kept in their drawer)
- We are short on bigger sizes of girls pants/skirts/pinafore dresses, if anyone has any they no longer require. Thank you.

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

Event	Date	Time
Half term	28 <sup>th</sup> October - 1 <sup>st</sup> November	
Inset Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	
Science week	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> November	
Anti-bullying week	11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> November	
Reception Phonics Workshop for parents	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 am
Children in Need (non-uniform day)	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	all day
<b>Year 2 Open Evening at the Junior School</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>
Year 2 class assemblies for parents	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October - Willow Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November - Sycamore Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November - Oak	2:30 pm
<b>Non-uniform Day for donations towards the Christmas Fair</b>	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
<b>Reception Classes posting letters to Father Christmas</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Sunflower</b> <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Bluebell</b> <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Poppy</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <b>1.00 pm</b>
PTA Christmas Fayre	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	5.00 -7.00 pm
Christmas Shop	tbc	
Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	all morning
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm
Reception Christmas Nativity for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 am
Year 2 to the Alexandra Theatre to see 'The Wizard of Oz'	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	All morning
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm
Year 1 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 am
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	
<b>Chartwell's Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
Year 2 Christmas Concert for parents	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	2:15 pm
Year 2 Christmas Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 am
Working With Others Christmas Event	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.00 pm
Christmas holidays	23 <sup>rd</sup> December - 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	
Inset Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	

## Christmas Fair 2019

### HELP US TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN!

With our Christmas fair fast approaching we are looking to start collecting donations to help us make the event magical. We will be holding our usual non-uniform day on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. The 'charge' for this will be; reception - bring a bottle, year 1 - sweets/chocolates and year 2 - adult tombola items (smellies etc). We also need donations of the following miscellaneous items:

- Teddies
- Old keys
- Homemade Christmas crackers
- Toys/unwanted gifts

There will also be a box of empty glass jars at the front gate soon. We would like each child to take home a jar, fill it with small gifts (sweets, small toys etc) and return the jar, decorated if they wish! These will be used for our very popular jam jar hoopla.

If anyone knows of any companies that could sponsor a stall or donate a raffle prize, there are official request letters available from the office. Likewise if anyone is available to run a stall even if only for an hour, it would be a huge help!

**Thank you in advance for all your help and support**



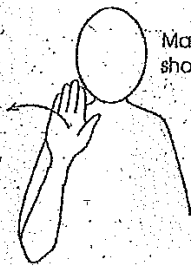


# Makaton

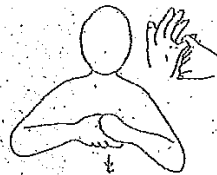
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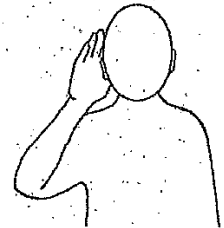
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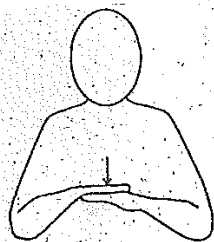
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To Listen



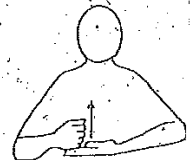
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To Look



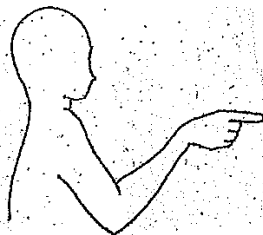
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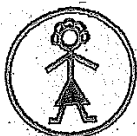
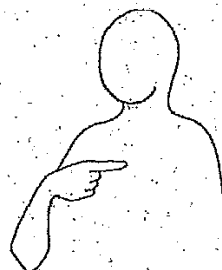
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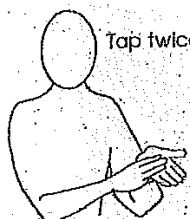
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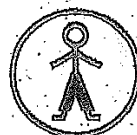
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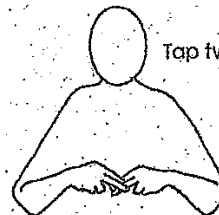
Mummy



Tap twice



Daddy



Tap twice