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NEWSLETTER 8

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break and I welcome you back to a very busy half term. There are many events and activities planned for the remainder of this term which I will inform you of through the weekly newsletters.

This week in assembly we have taken the theme ‘Remembering’ to explain in a simple and understandable way the meaning of Remembrance Day and the poppies. On Wednesday the entire school held a special assembly, the School observed one minute’s silence and concluded with prayers. Pupils then planted poppies in memory of the Old Bromsgrovians who died in the service of their country.

Year 2 held a very moving and informative assembly for their parents and guests on Tuesday about World War 2. They recounted many facts and events from this period of our history and performed songs and poems from the 1940s. There were video clips and photographs of the many exciting activities they have taken part in, including the evacuation on the Severn Valley Railway. The assembly finished with parents and children joining together for a one minute silence, after which the Year 2 pupils sang a beautiful song called “We will remember.” In the afternoon, as peace had been declared, Year 2 participated in a lively and noisy VE Day street party to celebrate the end of hostilities.

Children in Need

It has been wonderful to see all of the children and staff wearing ‘something spotty or stripy’ today in aid of Children in Need. We raised a total of £221. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation Programme

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 are now eligible for the nasal spray flu vaccine as part of the Public Health Childhood Vaccination Programme. We have been given a provisional date for the immunisation team to visit the Pre-Prep and administer the vaccinations, Friday 27th November. Please would all parents of children in Years 1 and 2 return the completed consent forms to school as soon as possible, even if you do not wish your child to be immunised, so that the correct number of vaccines can be ordered. Children in 2EM should be receiving a form shortly.

Birthday Cakes Reminder

Parents may supply their own birthday cake for their child to share with the children in their class. In order to comply with necessary policy please ensure that the cake does not contain nuts, and is adequately covered. Cakes should be handed to your child’s class teacher without candles, matches or knife. The teacher will ensure the cake is shared out and your child’s special day celebrated.

Formal Parents’ Evenings for Year 1 and Year 2

These will take place on the following evenings

Monday 16 Nov		Tuesday 17 Nov		Wednesday 18 Nov		Thursday 19 Nov	
1K	3.45-5.15pm	1C	3.45-5.15pm	2EM	4.00-5.30pm	2W	5.00-6.30pm
1C	5.00-6.30pm	1L	3.45-5.15pm			2F	5.00-6.30pm
1L	5.00-6.30pm	1K	5.00-6.30pm				
2W	4.00-5.30pm						
2F	4.00-5.30pm						
2EM	5.00-6.30pm						

Clubs for January (Rec., Year 1 and Year 2)

Letters were sent home yesterday in book bags regarding club choices for January. All forms must be returned no later than Wednesday 18 November.

Football

Children who attend after school football must have their waterproof trousers, a light waterproof coat, shin pads and gloves each week.

Individual Photographs

We have organised a further date for photographs for any child who was absent on the original date. This will be on Wednesday 25 November at 8.30am. Please inform the office by email preprep@bromsgrove-school.co.uk if you wish your child to be photographed on this date if you have not already done so.

Advent Service

On Sunday 29th November we will hold our whole school annual candle-lit Advent Service in the School Memorial Chapel. Pupils in Year 2 will be participating, together with pupils from the Preparatory and Senior Schools. Letters were sent home earlier this week giving full information. Please return reply slips to the Pre-Prep.

Christmas Cards/ChildLine

We will be supporting 'ChildLine' again this year by asking children to only bring one Christmas card in to School for their class and to donate the money that would have been spent on Christmas cards to 'ChildLine.' Christmas cards can be brought into school from Tuesday 1st December and there will be a collection box outside the office for donations (in a sealed envelope please). The school has had a close association with this charity for many years. Please help us to continue with this tradition.

School Bus Service

Please be aware there will be no bus service after the morning run on Wednesday 16th December.

END OF TERM - Collection times Wednesday 16th December

Nursery	12 noon	Reception	12.10 p.m.
Year 1	12.20 p.m.	Year 2	12.30 p.m.

If you have children to collect in different year groups, please collect them all at the later time, with the eldest child.

Holiday Club 17 to 18 December, 21 to 23 December, 4 to 5 January.

Holiday Club forms are available for the Christmas holidays, from outside the office. The deadline for all bookings is Friday 27th November so please send in your forms as soon as possible. You can also print out forms via the website <http://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/afterschoolandholidaycare.aspx>

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Christmas Shopping Event

On Monday 14th December the PA will be holding their annual Christmas Shopping morning for the children in school. In order for this to be as successful and enjoyable as previous years the PA are asking for any donations of unwanted gifts, suitable for men and women, you may have at home. Collecting boxes will be placed outside Nursery and in the main school entrance hall. Please support this wonderful and special event for the children.

Uniform Exchange

The Uniform Exchange will be open Saturday 14 November 9.30am-12.30pm at Prep School.

Lost Property

Henry Nicholls 2F – school coat. Could you please check your child's coat to make sure they have not brought this home by mistake.

Star Pupils

Congratulations to Max Zhao, Annabelle Knowles, Jemima Lea (Nursery), Amber Edwards, Sakina Porbanderwalla, George Cutter, Max Ash (Reception), Tallulah White, Yasmin Hughes, Zariya Petrova, Lydia Greaves (Year 1), Tristan Shaylor, George Christodoulou, Mack Jones (Year 2) for being this week's Star Pupils. They were each presented with their golden star and certificate in assembly this morning.

Yours sincerely,

J. Deval-Reed