

Message from the Principal: Welcome to November's newsletter. I write to you during very challenging and strange times for us all. We are all working really hard to ensure that our children love coming to school and have fun whilst learning and keeping safe. From my observations and conversations with our children they are continuing to put smiles on all of our faces every day! They are eager and determined to learn and are so kind and supportive towards each other and the staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, parents/carers for your ongoing support and understanding during these difficult times. As a community our strengths are that we pull together and are kind to each other in times of need. We have plenty more fun activities planned in the build up to Christmas and I look forward to seeing children's excited faces. Attached to this newsletter is some information about the topic your child is studying this half term to enable you to support your child with wider learning. There is also attached a GDPR form that we need you to complete and return. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the academy via class DOJO or reception if you have any queries or need to speak with a member of staff .



Message from Assistant Principal:

EYFS News A big well done to all the Nursery children who have completed their Tapestry challenge and can now fasten their coats all by themselves. It has also been great to see the different celebrations Reception children have taken part in, which have been added to Tapestry. Links/letters have been sent out to all Nursery parents as Reception applications are now open. If you need any support in completing your child's Reception application please speak to myself or a member of the Nursery team.

Message from Assistant Principal: KS1

News The children have had wonderful week showing respect and learning about remembrance day. The children in Y1 created a fantastic collage of poppies. The children all looked fantastic on Friday when they dressed up as Rockstars a big thank you for your support with this. The children had great fun throughout the day. Please check Dojo for regular class updates.



Message from Assistant Principal:

KS2 News

I was extremely proud of how our children showed respect during the 2 minutes silence on Wednesday 11th November. It was clear that they understood the significance of the day. Thankyou to all of you who made a brilliant effort for Children in Need Rockstars day. Look out on class Dojo for pictures.



IMPORTANT DATES

THINKING AHEAD : Parents Evenings will take place across the week beginning 16th November. Please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher through Dojo.

We are having Odd Socks Day on Friday 20th November to support Anti-Bullying. Children can come into school wearing odd socks if they wish.

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Christmas Jumper and Dinner day will be 11th December. More details will be sent home soon.

We would normally be adding dates for Christmas Performances and the Christmas Fayre at this time in the year.

Although things will be different this year, we are hoping to keep things as "normal" as possible. Keep and eye out for some "online" festive fun.

Children in Need Rocks!!!!!!

A huge thankyou to everyone who made a brilliant effort for Rockstars day. The children looked brilliant in their Rockstar outfits and wild hair.

They had a fantastic day rocking out with Mrs Hughes in the hall and finding times tables on their treasure hunts.



Punctuality

It is vital that your child is on time every day. School gates are open from 8.30 and close at 8.45. As soon as your child arrives, their learning can begin.



Attendance

Our current attendance for school is 95.7% which we are really proud of. We would love to be even closer to 100% next month. It is vital that children are in school all the time so they are not losing out on their learning time.



Keeping Children Safe

There has been an increase in reported knife crimes around the Burslem and Tunstall Park areas. Make sure you know where your children are playing and talk to them about keeping themselves safe when out and about.



SMSC

Over the coming weeks we will be talking to the children about:

Anti-Bullying week;

Careers;

Isaac Newton (look out for a fun science task to do at home);

Advent.

What's been happening at school?

As always we have been busy at school this month. Year 1 made some amazing Remembrance Day Art; Nursery made some lovely poppies; Year 2 did some super science and Year 5 have had a space day.



House Points

Current Totals are:

Red/Aquila = 3051

Blue/Cygnus = 2734

Green/Lupus = 2888

Yellow/ Scorpis = 2917

Rising 3's

Do you have a child turning 3 this year? If so, then you might be interested in our Rising 3'S Nursery provision. The term after your child has turned three they are eligible to attend our Nursery. If you are interested in this provision, please contact the school office.

Covid-19 Official Government Guidance

You should not send your child to school if you, or any member of your household is showing any of these symptoms:

1. A continuous cough.
2. A high temperature (above 37.8 C)
3. Loss of sense of smell or taste.

Please ring the school to advise us of your child's absence and contact NHS UK to arrange a test or ring NHS 119 if you don't have internet access.

Anyone with one or more of these symptoms needs to self isolate for 10 days and fellow household members for 14 days unless test results are negative.