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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Weekly Digest - Week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

### **Anti-bullying Week: 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November**

This year we will again be joining in with the national 'Anti-bullying Week' and this year's theme is 'Make a Noise'. 'Odd Socks Day' is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. So, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, if your child would like to join in, they can come into school wearing their normal uniform (or PE kit, if it is their PE day) but wearing a pair of odd socks.



### **Christmas Nativity: EYFS, Years 1 & 2**

Messages have gone out regarding the Christmas Nativities. EYFS and Year 1 have performances on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 with 2 seats available per child. Seats can be either on the same day or split across the 2 dates. If you need a link to the form, then please email the office.

Year 2's performance is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 13.20 with 3 seats allocated per child. These do not need to be requested in advance but please keep to a maximum of 3 seats due to the space in the hall. Just a reminder that we will be raffling Christmas Hampers to raise funds for resources for these year groups and any donations of 'Christmassy' food & drink would be most welcome. Please drop off any donations to the office, labelled Nativity Hampers.

### **Poppy Appeal**



A selection of Poppy merchandise is available from reception. Prices range from 50p to £1 with a choice of pin badges, wrist bands, keyrings and zip pulls.

### **Danceathon for Developmental Language Disorder**

The total amount raised so far is an amazing £592! A big thank you to all those who sponsored and well done to everyone who took part.



### **Car Park Barrier**

Unfortunately, the entrance barrier to the car park has been vandalised with the CCTV notices being ripped off and discarded in the car park, and the keypad cover being smashed off. If you notice any damage taking place, then please contact the office.

### EYFS Hawking About Visit

EYFS welcomed Kevin from Hawking About today. He brought Fern the Tawny Owl, Toby the African Spotted Owl and Busby the Barn Owl for us to see and hold. The owls flew all around the hall and right over our heads! We learnt so much about the owls and even had a turn to hold Busby with a special glove! Thank you Kevin, and well done children for making the most of this special experience!



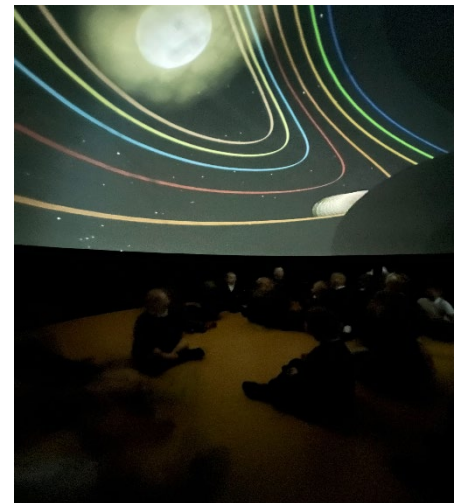
### Years 1 and 5 Planetarium Visit

This week, Years 1 & 5 experienced a 'planetarium' which is an indoor, projector dome to explore the different planets in the solar system. They children thoroughly enjoyed their session and were very engaged with the learning.

Here are some of the highlights from Year 1 children:

"I loved learning that Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system. Scientist Steve shows us this on the special screen." Sam (Squirrels)

"I enjoyed seeing the whole solar system and the different planets; my favourite to look at was Mercury." Ada (Butterflies)





## FSPS Update

### Fireworks Night

We are pleased to confirm that the school fireworks are going ahead tomorrow evening!

We are busy arranging as much shelter as possible from the inevitable rain. The bar is stocked, the BBQ is warming up and the band are raring to go! We are really looking forward to seeing you all there. If you would still like to purchase tickets, there are a small amount still available from the school and the bookshop. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale before the display, priced at £1 a ticket and the draw will take place straight after. Where possible can you please bring cash for any purchases. We have card machines available but as much payment in cash would be appreciated!

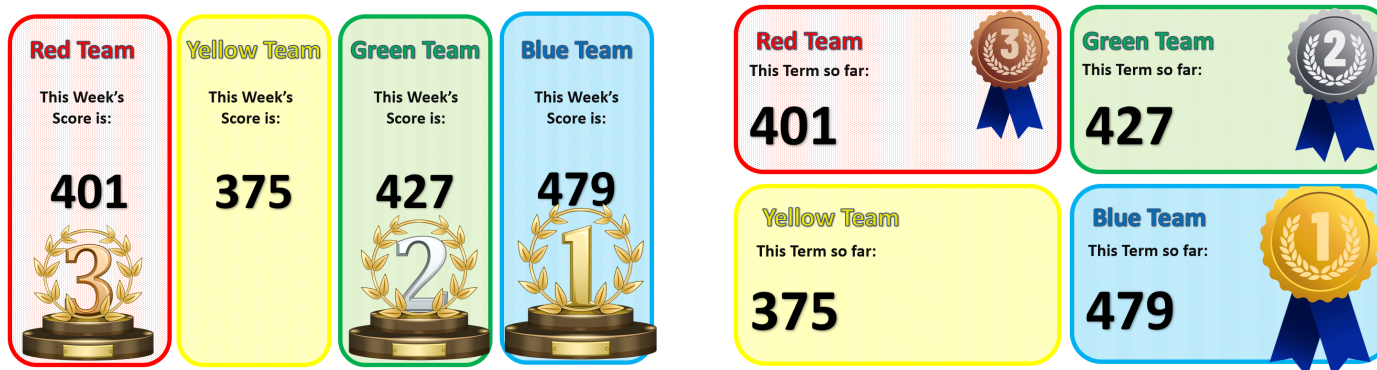


### School Christmas Party

The school Christmas party is on 24<sup>th</sup> November. More details will be available next week with tickets on sale from the office from Monday 13<sup>th</sup>.



### HOUSE TEAM YEARLY ROUND UP



This week's winning Team is: **The Blue Team**

#### Dates to be aware of:

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccines
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – School Christmas Party
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & Y1 Nativity
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & Y1 Nativity
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Nativity
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – INSET DAY
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET DAY



I hope you all have a brilliant weekend and hopefully see you at the fireworks!

**Simon Phipps**

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