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November Newsletter

Dear Parents

It's great to be back at school for the start of the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you and your children had a lovely week off and that they return refreshed and revitalised for the next steps in their learning - the staff are raring to go! Accompanying this letter, you can read the learning overviews for your child this half-term. As usual, our teachers will be happy to chat with you about this if you have any queries.

November is a busy month at school. Anti-Bullying Week 2026 takes place from Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November, coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance across England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. There is always a special theme and this year's is **"Break the Silence"** — chosen to encourage children, young people and adults to talk openly about bullying, share concerns, listen and take action. **Odd Socks Day** kicks off the week on **Monday, November 16, 2026**, when we invite everyone to wear odd socks to celebrate uniqueness and individuality. I have the very highest of expectations around behaviour and respect for others and our approach is a balance of support and rewards but also sanctions and accountability.

Every year, our pupils really enjoy making a special day of Children in Need, this year on Friday 13th November. Many choose to come to school in fancy dress or perhaps wear something spotty or yellow, bringing in a £1 donation which we pass on. As usual, there will be a prize for the most 'SPOTacular' outfit for one boy and one girl in each class. Our teachers will have a selection of Pudsey-themed activities to excite and engage and we hope that a day with a serious purpose can also be fun. I am very proud that so many of our children have such a caring and compassionate attitude towards others, particularly those who are less fortunate than themselves. Their spirit of giving is commendable and is a credit to you, their parents. Thank you.

Following the success of the Cyber Safety Police Talk held last year, we are very pleased to have secured another visit by the police at 9am in the school hall on Friday 27th November for our **Y5 children** and their parents if you would like to come along that morning. This reflects the realities of life in the world today and the challenges and risks posed by social media and the internet more widely. Our pupils need to be educated and supported to make the right choices and to stay safe alongside the many benefits which technology brings us.

Can I ask that now we are getting colder and wetter weather that the children bring a coat to school please. This is so that we can still get outside to play for breaktimes if it's just a bit drizzly or chilly. I'd rather they were out than in and getting some fresh air but we don't want them cold and wet through in lessons afterwards.

Finally, if you are out and about with your children for Bonfire Night on Thursday, have a great time and enjoy yourselves - and stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme
Headteacher