

- Open Sessions we have had a great response to our open school sessions. The school looks fabulous and our pupils have been amazing: polite; engaged in learning; helpful and extremely well-behaved!
- Walk to School Wednesday we had our biggest group yet! Hopefully this group will continue to grow! We want to do our bit for the environment.

 Swimming – the pupils who are currently attending swimming lessons have all made huge progress. One group have their last lesson next week; not only have they achieved their 25m but they have vastly improved their swimming style in just a few weeks!



# Parents' Evening: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

You should now have received your time slot to meet your child's class teacher. Please arrive in school a few minutes before your allocated time through the front entrance. The teacher will have your child's books and you will be able to look at them after your meeting. Please remember that appointments are only 5 minutes long! The class teachers will be contacting anyone who has not managed to make an appointment.

### Choir:

We have already been asked to sing at different venues in the local community in the run-up to Christmas so after the half-term holiday, Mr Wells will start working with pupils who would like to be part of the community choir. Details to follow. There will be times when they will be asked to attend events out of school hours.

# Non-Uniform Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Next Friday will be a nonuniform day. Your child may wear their own clothes in exchange for either a chocolate item for a chocolate tombola or a bottle for the bottle tombola.

## Secondhand Book Sale on Tuesday 19th October 3:30-5:30pm

We have lots of amazing used books at bargain prices for both older and younger readers. The sale will be held in the hall at the same time at the parents evening. Please also send more photographs of the children reading for our library display—we only have about 6 so far!

### Royal British Legion:

After half-term, all our pupils will be taking part in activities linked to Remembrance Day and we are currently planning a whole school poppy display and a school wreath. I am hoping to attend the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November with some representatives from our Head Boy/ Girl team.

From Monday we will be selling poppies in school. We also have some other items for sale – details will be on class dojo. Items will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please send money in to school in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled with the child's name.

# Dance Festival – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

The group are making amazing progress! We would love you to come and watch the show at the Winter Gardens. See attached information on how to purchase tickets. We have now managed to incorporate Miss Laura's group dance into a larger group number.

We will be sourcing costumes over half-term so will have more details when we return to school.

#### Raffle Tickets

I have had a very kind offer from a parent whose business will cover the cost of our Christmas raffle tickets. If there is anyone who would be willing to make a donation towards the cash prize of £100, I would be very grateful – every penny counts!

#### Forthcoming Events:

After half-term we already have a few events booked in. Some of Year 6 will be taking part in a Dodgeball competition; the whole school will take part in Anti-Bullying Week (I have booked workshops for Year 2 and above) and we will be supporting Children in Need. This is all before we start our Christmas activities!

#### Dates:

Tuesday 19th October—Parents Evening BOOK FAIR IN THE HALL

Friday 22nd October—School closes for half term (3:30pm) NON UNIFORM DAY

Monday 1st November—INSET

Tuesday 2nd November—School opens 9am—Individual and family photographs

Friday 3rd December—Christmas Fair