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# Newsletter No 7

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## Welcome back

What a wonderful start to our new term. We began our week celebrating Black History month with Miss Pallister, who celebrated key black sportsmen who paved the way for more equality and diversity in sports. Then the children began immersing themselves within their new themes and learning before a wonderful time was had by all that attended our Autumn Disco. A huge thank you goes to everyone who made it possible.

## Values-Friendship

Friendship is a priceless value at our school. It's the glue that binds our community together, bringing joy, strength, and a sense of belonging. This term, the whole school will be engaging in activities and learning about the value of friendship. We will learn what it takes to be a good friend, celebrate what makes us different and help each other understand that it is our differences that make our community great. Let's cherish and nurture the friendships that make our school a warm and welcoming place!

## Curriculum Webs

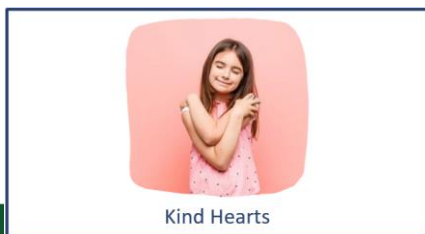
The teachers are very excited to start this term's learning. Curriculum webs outlining what each year group is learning this term were sent home on Wednesday, Year 3 will be sent home today. These allow parents to see what their children are learning and support their learning at home.

## Kind Minds Curriculum

This week, the children have been using the 'Kind Hearts' technique. Please follow the link to find out more:

<https://youtu.be/aO3E87CVZQI>

Please feel free to try this mindfulness at home too to establish calmness when needed.



Kind Hearts

## Non-School Uniform Days

We feel it is important to celebrate anniversaries and religious festivals that are important to us and our community. We feel that it is important to get this balance right, this means that on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November children are to come into school in their school uniform**. On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November it will be non-school uniform** to celebrate Diwali and Children in Need.

## Forces Intervention Programme

We are always looking for ways in which we can support our local community. Attached to this email is a flyer from the Forces Intervention Programme which is a Domestic Abuse Programme. This is only running in Wiltshire for Army, Navy & RAF personnel and Veterans, living in the Wiltshire area who feel they need support within their relationships.

They work with both male and females who have been abusive within their relationship and would like some support. They also offer support to partners and children.

Self and professional referral forms, along with more information, can be found on their website <https://www.fearfree.org.uk/refer/wiltshire/>

## Wiltshire Council Support Courses

Wiltshire Council have a large number of free courses available to anyone in our community. Upcoming sessions include:

- Helping My Child Prepare Positively for Change
- Understanding School Avoidance
- Phonics Games
- Helping My Child to Learn Phonics
- Supporting Myself to Support My Child

Attached to this newsletter are a range of flyers with more information on each one and how to sign up.

## PE and Forest Schools – Term 2

Children will need to bring their kit for Forest School and PE in a named bag to change into. Here is the timetable for next term:

Class	PE	Forest School
Puffins		Wednesday
YR (Robins and Wrens)	Monday	Monday
Y1 (Skylarks and Nightingales)	Thursday	Thursday
Y2 (Woodpeckers and Kingfishers)	Thursday	Tuesday
Y3 (Eagles and Merlins)	Friday	Wednesday (Weeks 4-6)
Y4 (Ospreys and Kestrels*)	Thursday (Kestrel) Friday	
Y5 (Peregrines and Sparrowhawks)	Monday Wednesday	Wednesday (Weeks 1 – 3)
Y6 (Tawny and Snowy Owls)	Tuesday Wednesday	Friday (Weeks 1-3)

### Nut-Free School!

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a nut-free school. Lunchboxes should not contain any items that may contain nuts. This includes fillings such as hazelnut spread, peanut butter and other snack items.

### Pick-Up and Drop-Off

We have seen a few parents during pick-up and drop-off who turn their vehicles around outside the gate and mount the pavement. This is extremely dangerous. **PLEASE DO NOT MOUNT THE PAVEMENT OR YOUR DETAILS WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE POLICE! THIS A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN.** It is EVERYONES responsibility to keep our children safe!

### Breakfast Club Update

Our Breakfast Club is now at full capacity! If you are not a regular attendee and you require a space please call or email the school office to see if any spaces become available as we are now operating waiting lists. **Bookings made on Parent Pay will not guarantee your child a space.**

### Children in Need- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we're having a spottacular non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. We're encouraging the children to wear something spotty and bright coloured. We're asking for a £1 donation please which can be paid on Parentpay, please see link below. Thank you 😊  
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12667>

### Future dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 6 Pencelli Info and SATS Information Meeting, 5PM in KS2 Hall

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day! Normal Uniform to be worn.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception 2024 Open Morning at 09.30am, please book via school office

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need, Non-Uniform Day, £1 donation

**Thursday 23 November** – Book Fair KS2 Hall 3.20-3:50

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Book Fair KS2 Hall 3.20 – 3:50

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Year 1 to 5 Christmas Panto

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception and Y6 Christmas Panto

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception 2024 Open Morning at 09.30am, please book via school office

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch!

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3 Dance Performance to Parents, 9.15am in KS2 Hall

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of Term! School Finishes at 13.10pm.