



Newsletter No 8

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Values

This week the whole school has taken part in activities for Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is incredibly important for the staff and children here at Zouch Academy, and we know this is the same for parents and the wider community.

On Friday, our Remembrance assembly was led by Mrs Johnson and our head boys and girls. We spoke to the school about the courage shown by our forces and about the importance of remembering the people who sacrifice everything to ensure we are safe.



Remembrance Art

As you hopefully will have seen, the whole school took part in a Remembrance Day art session. These were presented at the entry to school this morning. A small selection can be found on this newsletter.



Values-Friendship

This week, Mr Morris spoke with the children about how our British Values link with this term's value of Friendship. A small selection of children was challenged to complete a puzzle together to show how our community is made better by our differing personalities and skills. We then linked it to the values of tolerance and respect.

Thank you

Please let me extend a thank you to those parents that took the time to attend the meeting regarding Pencelli and stayed for the information about the KS2 SATs. Unfortunately, we were disappointed with the low turnout, especially for the SATs session. KS2 SAT results play a major factor in the groups children are put into when they get to secondary school. This in turn can have a lasting impact on the potential attainment of a child, especially when grouped in a lower set. There is evidence year on year that those parents who engage fully and support their child's Y6 learning, generally result in better outcomes for individual children.

I cannot stress enough how valuable your support and engagement are. We want to work as one to give our children the very best.

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. If you no longer need your space for either Breakfast club or After School Club please inform the main office as we do have children on our waiting list.**

Safeguarding

Schools in England (and Wales) are required ["to ensure children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in school, including by establishing appropriate levels of filtering"](#). In school we do this through a three-stage filtering system and robust monitoring of online activity within the school. It is important that the same level of care and supervision is in place in the home also. We strongly recommend that children are never online without an adult present and should not be on social media apps until they are within the suggested age range. The link below will take you to a website where more information about parental settings can be found.

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

Scholastic book fair!

On Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November from 3.20-3.50 in the KS2 hall we have our Scholastic book fair coming! These book fairs are always a huge success and the more books that we sell, the more free books we get for the school! Books start at £2.99. We will have a card reader this year so we can take card payments/apple/google pay! 😊 We will also be taking cash payments too.



Kind Minds Curriculum

This week, the children have been using the 'Kind Wishes' technique. Please follow the link to find out more: <https://youtu.be/hvYNJrnekY?si=RHo-IOxXR-C3hllV>
Please feel free to try this mindfulness at home too to establish calmness when needed.

Non-School Uniform Days

On **Friday 17th November it will be non-school uniform** to celebrate Diwali and Children in Need.

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.

Children in Need- Friday 17th November

On Friday 17th 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>

Caterlink Job Opportunity!

Maternity cover. 15 hours a week, 11am-2pm. Any enquires should be emailed to 7280-larkhill@caterlinktd.co.uk.

Future dates for your diary:

Week Commencing 13th Nov – Parents Evening, Not Y3 Merlins

Wednesday 15th November – Reception 2024 Open Morning at 09.30am, please book via school office

Friday 17th November – Children in Need, Non-Uniform Day, £1 donation

Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th – Merlin Parents Evening. Same times apply!

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

Friday 24th November – Book Fair KS2 Hall 3.20 – 3:50

Friday 1st December – Year 1 to 5 Christmas Panto, please pay on Parent Pay

Wednesday 6th December – Reception and Y6 Christmas Panto, please pay on Parent Pay

Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper day! Children to come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper with a donation.

Thursday 7th December – Reception 2024 Open Morning at 09.30am, please book via school office

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch!

Thursday 14th December – Year 3 Dance Performance to Parents, 9.15am in KS2 Hall

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of Term! School Finishes at 13.10pm.

Anti- Bullying Week

Next week (Nov. 13th – 17th) is Anti – Bullying week and on Monday Miss Knapman will be leading an assembly on this subject. The assembly will focus on the importance of using our school values to be the kind of friends we would like others to be to us. There will also be a brief look at the difference between banter and bullying. In PSHE lessons this term all classes from Year 1 – 6 will be discussing themes of bullying and what to do if they see it or experience it, in an age-appropriate way. Next week Year 6 will be voting for some members of their class to take on the role of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.