



Newsletter No 9

17th November 2023

Children in Need



Thank you so much to everyone that donated to Children in Need this week. We started the week with a very special visitor who spent the morning visiting the children. Following this, Miss Hargreaves led an assembly talking with the children about how their donations will be used to help children in the UK and around the world. Finally, the whole school came together to celebrate Children in Need and Diwali by wearing their brightest clothes.

We believe that supporting greater causes and celebrating important festivals within our community is important in developing our empathy and mutual respect of those that have differing views and experiences than us.

Values-Friendship

This week is also 'Anti-Bullying' week. Bullying of any type is not tolerated here at Zouch Academy and we have spent time explaining that bullying is a 'repeated negative behaviour towards another' and looking at ways in which the children can 'make a noise' to stop bullying. Mrs Cole is working alongside our Anti-Bullying ambassadors to ensure the children understand how living by our school values will limit bullying and how to report it, if and when it happens.



Safeguarding

Mr Morris has recently received extensive training on the dangers of children accessing the online world. One trend that is growing within our community is the rise of children accessing apps such as Discord and Reddit. These are arenas that are mostly unfiltered and play host to a substantial amount of inappropriate content and can lead to children been groomed

in a variety of ways. Children should not be using these and online use should be heavily monitored by parents.

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.

Armed Force Covenant Fund Trust

The Armed Force Covenant Fund Trust has a vision of a thriving Armed Forces community that is valued and supported within our society. They offer a range of programmes that are available at an organisation and individual level. For find out more about what they offer, including their new 'Career Development Fund', please follow the link below.

[Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#)

Remembrance

Thank you so much to those children and families that joined Mrs Johnson at the Remembrance service last Sunday. Mrs Johnson was very proud of the exceptional behaviour demonstrated by the children as they paid their respects. Many members of the community also commented on exemplary behaviour from our Year 6 pupils.



Kind Minds Curriculum

This week, the children have been using the 'Thank you body'. Stand or sit in a comfortable position. Stretch your arms up as high as you can and say, "Thank you, hands, for reaching way up high." Wrap your arms around your body giving yourself a big hug. Say, "Thank you, arms, for giving me hugs." Place your hands on your heart. Take a deep breath in and out. Say, "Thank you, breath, for calming me." Please feel free to try this mindfulness at home too to establish calmness when needed.



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies, including free schools, in England. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for current and future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. In 2024, schools must administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June. As mentioned in parents evening, please find a suggested website to use to practice the test [MTC - Multiplication Tables Check - URBrainy.com](https://www.urbrainy.com)

Christmas Jumper Day

Get ready to deck the halls with festive cheer as we get ready to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day! On Friday 8th December, children are asked to come into school wearing their most whimsical and vibrant Christmas jumper. Let's embrace the spirit of the season and make this day a colourful tapestry of festive fun, all whilst we raise money for Save the Children.



Parking Notice

We have been made aware that the carpark nearest the play area will close on the 27th November for 32 weeks. We understand that this is a valuable space to park whilst dropping off or picking up children. Whilst this area is closed, please remember to park safely – it is all of our responsibility to ensure the safety of the children.



Medical Appointments

Please notify the school office if your child has a medical appointment in the morning. This is so we can complete the register accurately and avoid any absent messages being sent to parents.

Reception 2024 Deadline

Reminder, the deadline for Reception 2024 applications is 15th January 2024. **If your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still apply for a space via the Wiltshire Council website, please see the link below.**
[Applying for a school place - Wiltshire Council](#)

Future dates for your diary:

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th – Book Fair, KS2 Hall 3.20-3.50pm

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

Caterlink Job Opportunity!

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

Parent Governor

If there are any parents who feel they would like to contribute to the school by being a Parent Governor, please enquire at the school office and we can give you more information.