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NEWSLETTER 09: 11th November

Headteacher's Introduction

We have spent our week reflecting very much on Remembrance, beginning with a poignant Collective Worship led by our Class 2 teacher, Mrs Miller. This is a subject very close to Mrs Miller's heart as her husband is currently serving in the Yorkshire Regiment. We've also been lucky to have York Youth Trust (YoYo) setting up a prayer space. This has been a place in which we have been able to go to and reflect upon the compassion shown by those that have served our country.
In other news, I'd like to draw you to the second page of this newsletter where you will find some very important Christmas dates for your diary. We'd love to see as many of you as possible at these events so we hope that, by providing you with these dates early, you'll be able to attend.
Next week is Anti-Bullying Week so we are acknowledging this by having an 'Odd Sock' Day on Monday 14th November - we look forward to seeing all the wonderful pairings of socks! Why not join in too and share the anti-bullying message at your own workplace.
Have a great weekend!

Mr White

Message from Mike at Holy Trinity

HT Heworth

This week, Mike, our local Vicar at Holy Trinity, talks about Remembrance and the importance Compassion has to play in our thinking.

Today is Remembrance Day and Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Growing up I had undiagnosed ADHD, so being still and quiet did not come naturally to me, and yet I remember for those two minutes, every year, knowing that this was important and that this wasn't a time to be running around and jumping on, over or off things (sometimes simultaneously it seemed to my mum!) - this was a time to be still and to remember the sacrifice of so many for the freedoms we enjoy today.
It's so important to remember what others have done for us and what others have gone through for our sake, this seems especially relevant this year as we welcome new friends from Ukraine and other areas of the world devastated by war. We'll be taking time to remember in church this Sunday as we pause and reflect on the sacrifice of those who have fought and died and also as we remember those we have personally loved and lost, maybe more recently. We will also spend time remembering the sacrifice and love of Jesus and the fact that despite wars and terrible suffering we can still place our hope in God and the sacrifice that He made for us, knowing that He is close to those who experience great sadness as well as being with us and sharing in the times of joy too.

Holy Trinity are also holding their annual service of Remembrance at 4pm on Sunday 13th November. If you have the time, why not pop along. If you are unable to attend but would like someone's name read out, please email Mike at mike.perkins@htheworth.org . More details can be found at the back of this newsletter.

Attendance

Can I please ask that, should your child be absent from school, you make sure that you contact the school office each day of that absence please. This is really important. We also ask that you phone the office and not email please. There is a dedicated absence extension when you ring school up so all you need to do is leave a message.

We are also seeing an increasing amount of children absent on their birthdays. Please ensure your child is in on this day if it falls within the school terms dates.

Anti- Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day

As you may be aware, next week is Anti-Bullying week. To acknowledge this and the importance of it we ask that all children come to school on Monday 14th with odd socks on for Odd Socks Day. You can also join us, and the Anti Bullying Alliance, in doing this in your workplace too. Why not tag us in Twitter to show of the odd socks you are wearing.

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BBC Children in Need

As mentioned last week, we will be participating once more in Children in Need this year on Friday 18th November. This day will be a non uniform day and, as ever, we will be accepting donations should you wish to donate. We advise £1 which can be brought as cash on the day or you can donate this via our dedicated ParentPay donations page if you click **here**.

Dare I say it… Christmas

That's right, Christmas is upon us and I think it worth me sharing some dates for you diary. Please see below for these:

Thursday 8th December - Early Years and KS1 Nativity
Join us in out annual Nativity being performed in the Holy Trinity Church Hall. We have two showings of this; one is at **10:30am** and the other at **1.30pm**.

Monday 12th December - Whole School Christmas Church Service
You are all more than welcome to join us at Holy Trinity Church on Monday 12th at **9.15am** for our whole school Christmas Service.

There may be more dates we need to share with you and we will do this in future newsletters.

Head Lice

We are seeing more and more cases of head lice in school at the moment. We ask that you be vigilant with this and treat your child should you see anything suspect. There is no need to keep your child off school once they have been treated.

Cool Milk

As a reminder, on the 14th of November, we will be beginning to use Cool Milk to provide us with school milk. I attach the information leaflet which explains how you can set this up should you wish for your child to access this.

Reminder: Hopscotch

Due to the health and safety ratio requirements for Hopscotch, please can I remind you to book and pay for your child's place at least one day prior to when you would like this. This can be done through ParentPay.

New: Friends of Heworth

Are you keen to support the school as a parent? Would you be willing to spend some of your time in helping to arrange school based and charity specific events? If so, the Friends of Heworth Primary need you! If this is something you would be willing to support, please contact Miss Busby via the school office email address (office@heworth.pmat.academy). We look forward to hearing from you.

New: Archbishop to read his children's book The Sleepy Shepherd

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, will be at York Minster's Lady Chapel from 10.30am on Saturday 17 December, to give a reading from his children's book, The Sleepy Shepherd.

Archbishop Stephen said, "I have always loved the act of sitting down with my children and now my grandson, and thoroughly enjoyed the wide-eyed extravagant wonder of a tall tale. We all have imagination but, like every other muscle, it needs exercising. Story-telling has been a vital bedrock of every culture. So, on this first weekend of the school Christmas holidays, I am inviting young children, parents and carers to come to York Minster, and capture some of the joy of sharing a Christmas story together."

This is a free non-ticketed event, spaces for the reading will operate on a first come first served basis. There will be bean bags to sit on in the Lady Chapel and all are welcome.

The Sleepy Shepherd is an enchanting Christmas tale for children aged 5-7 that tells the story of Silas, who as a boy is so dozy that he completely misses the visit of the angels and the chance to greet the Christ-child in Bethlehem. But one crucial night, years later, he makes an important decision – to be a real shepherd to a man whose friends have all fallen asleep.

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Reminder: New Reading Books

As you may be aware, the school has invested heavily in a new reading scheme this year. To accompany this, a number of new books have been ordered to complement this investment. Can I just remind you to take great care of these books when they come home with your child. I'm afraid that, if a book does get damaged and we feel that we need to replace it, we will ask that you foot the cost of this. This cost is **£5** per book. I'm sure you will understand why we need to do this.

Reminder: KS2 Book Collection

Do you have any fiction books for 7 - 11 year olds? Are they in good condition? Would you be happy to donate them to our school library? If so, let us know as we would love to take them off your hands. Please speak to you child's class teacher to find