



Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parent and carers,

We started the week learning about Hedgehogs and read a lovely story called “Don’t Hog The Hedge”. Through the story the children learnt all about autumn, hibernation and what animals do during the season. It has a lovely ending when the animals find a new home that they can all fit in to hibernate. Some of our children made Hedgehog bread. They had fun weighing and mixing ingredients to make the dough, which was then manipulated into some fantastic looking hedgehogs! The activity sparked lots of conversations and learning opportunities for the children including how to weigh and measure, counting out raisins for eyes, a nose and mouth, oven safety, taking turns, following instructions and of course lots of chat about hedgehogs, especially their spikes and nocturnal habits!

On Wednesday we learnt about ‘The Gruffalo’ and the children enjoyed making concoctions in the Gruffalo café, hiding in the Gruffalo cave, sticking purple prickles to the giant Gruffalo’s back, retelling the story with a puppet show and learnt new prepositions when describing where the Gruffalo was hiding.

With Diwali celebrations taking place over the weekend, we decided to learn about the festival of light on Thursday. The children made mehndi patterns on hands, used numicon to make rangoli patterns and mixed the lentils and powders to make patterns. During carpet time the children listened to the story of Rama and Sita and how Diwali became the festival of light. Lots of children used clay to make diva lamps and these will be painted next week.

We finished the week teaching the children through play, about Remembrance Day. Our messy tuff tray had red and black spaghetti, the children counted out and compared numbers of poppies, they used wooden blocks to build the cenotaph and other wonderful creations, as well as pepper printing to make the shape of a poppy and designing medals.

Odd Socks Day

Monday is Odd Sock Day to celebrate how we are all unique and marks the start of Kindness/Anti-bullying week.

Please can children come wearing **ODD SOCKS!**



Children In Need

Friday 17th November is Children In need – please can children come dressed in spots and/or stripes.

We welcome any donations all week – not just from Friday.



Parent Consultations

Next week we will have a sign up sheet for parent consultations. We will offer meetings at the following times.

8:50am/9:00am/9:10am/12:05pm/

12:15pm/1:20pm/1:30/2:20pm

If you would like a phone call instead of a face to face meeting, please let us know and we can arrange a suitable time during the morning.

Important Dates

Wk beg Monday 27 th November	Parent Consultations
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need (Wear Spots and Stripes)
Wednesday 6 th December	Music Workshop
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christingle in the Church
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Party (Children only)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Event (Parents invited)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 3 rd January	Spring Term Starts
HALF TERM - Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	
Monday 19 th February	2 nd Half Term
Tuesday 26 th March	Finish for Easter



Christmas Celebrations

Thursday 14th December – ALL children are invited to our Christmas party. We have booked a bouncy castle and soft play. For those that usually attend a Thursday, please attend for your usual hours. If you are extra for the party, please arrive for 9:15am and collect at 12:15pm.

Friday 15th December – All children are invited for our Christmas singalong in the Church and Mince Pie and Mingle for parents and children in the main hall.

More details and timings to follow.

