



Dear Parents,

An excellent attendance rate for parent-teacher interviews, nearly 100%. My understanding is that all of you were very encouraged by your child's efforts and all meetings were very positive. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child/ren move forward in their learning. I'm sorry that I was unavailable to see any of you on the nights. My illness has just about vanished now, so please pop in if you'd like to chat about anything. Thanks to all the staff for staying on late and making these meetings possible.

**Wear it pink day**

Final total of £127.67. Thank you for your kind generosity in supporting this very worthwhile cause.

**Operation Christmas Child**

All boxes need to be sent in to school by Monday 16th November. Let's see if we can beat last year's fantastic collection of 57 boxes.

**Poppy Day competition**

Following their own special assembly for the school, Charlotte, Nancy and Riona have organised a special poppy competition. Enclosed in bookbags today, is a colouring sheet which the girls would like decorated in as imaginative way as possible, e.g. with glitter/collage/paint/pasta/rice or combinations thereof...neat, creative, meaningful is the key. Please remember to include child's name on the back and return to school by next Thursday. The winner will receive 'The Pupil's Pupil Award' for a week (a new trophy for the children, from the children) and stickers. Please do encourage your child/ren to take part. All entries will be displayed in the school entrance.

**Remembrance Display**

Along with the poppy pictures, I'd like to encourage you to contribute further to the entrance display. Whilst we are thinking about those courageous people who fought in the world wars for us, Remembrance is a time when we are reminded about other loved ones who are no longer with us. If you'd like to add a photograph of someone or a post-it with the name of a loved one written on it, we'll display them so that everyone who passes the display can spare a special thought for them. If your child would like to write anything special about that person to go with the picture, they are more than welcome to do so. Special prayers for each person will be said in assembly too. (Pets could also be included.)

**Request from Miss Doyle**

Could Class 3 parents please start to save some 'interesting' empty packaging ready for making a model village during book week (no egg cartons or toilet roll tubes thank you.)

**Book week**

We will be organising a book week during the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November. The theme will be Roald Dahl books, so please help enrich the experience by encouraging your child/ren to read a range of books/stories (or listen to them), bring in books to school

(named) and associated artefacts for display. We will have dress-up-as-a-character day, with many fun activities throughout the week and Usbourne Book fair will be here on the Wednesday; they will do a 'treasure hunt' for the children in the afternoon, then books will be on sale after school or via the order brochure. More details to follow next week.

**Diary Dates**

**November**

Thu 12th Boots the Chemists 'Swine Flu' Assembly  
Mon 16th Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes in please  
W/c 16th Book Week  
Wed 18th Usbourne Book fair  
Mon 23rd Class 3 to New Walk Museum (letter to follow)  
Thurs 26th Ragtex clothing collection

**December**

Fri 4th Basketball festival at Belvoir High School 1-3pm  
Tues 8th Fantasia at Belvoir Castle, Class 3, 1-3pm  
Wed 9th Christingle 2pm St Peters Church  
Thur 10th Cinderella at Newark  
Tues 15th Redmile's Got Talent – families 6.30pm (tbc)  
Wed 16th Nativity 1.45pm St Peters Church  
Thu 17th Christmas dinner, party & disco (more details to follow)  
Fri 18th School closes for Christmas

**January**

Tue 5th Jan School re-opens

**School Website**

Please take a look at the website for new photographs of the children, and updates about the Governors and School Council.

**Illness Policy**

There will be a copy of the school illness policy in bookbags today, as a reminder of incubation periods etc, in order that we keep school as illness free as possible during the winter months. Thank you.

**Remembrance Sunday – Message from John Bartlett**

Barkstone, Redmile and Plungar's Remembrance service is being held on Sunday at 10.45am at the war memorial in Plungar. Everyone Welcome, but wrap up warm!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.V.Hopkins, Head teacher

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