

Newsletter 25th October 2019

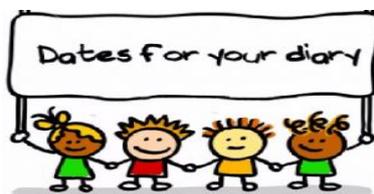
Dear Everyone,



We have had a wonderful first half-term and it is time for a well-earned break. We hope that you all enjoyed the chance to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher today and that you are pleased with the way in which this first term has gone. As teachers, we are all very proud to see the way in which your children have settled into the new academic year, making friends and working and playing hard.

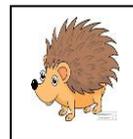
We wish you a lovely holiday - make the most of the time to relax and recharge batteries for next term, which is always action-packed and full of excitement! Enjoy the last of the autumn weather and get out and about in the parks and forests - there's nothing quite as magical as an

autumn walk in the woods. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday night (26th – 27th October) – this time you gain an hour's sleep!



The first **Friday Coffee morning** after the half-term holiday will be held on the first Friday of term – **7th November**. Come along and enjoy the morning, and, if you are planning to come to our annual Autumn craft/Diwali evening, come and find out how you can help with the preparations. Your help would be much appreciated 😊.

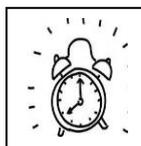
Our annual **Autumn/Diwali Craft evening** will be held in the Infant Department building on **Friday, 15th November** from **6pm to 8pm**. This is a family event for the whole school, so put the date in your diary now and make sure you join us for an evening of crafts and fun. More details will follow.



Note the date in your diary for our **Autumn Family Walk in the Woods** on the afternoon of **Sunday, 24th November**. More details will follow in future newsletters.



Points to remember



We start back to school on **Monday 4th November**. Please do your utmost to ensure that your child is **at school by 8.55am** in both the Infant and Junior buildings.

There are still far too many children arriving at, or after, 9h. **This is when lessons start.**



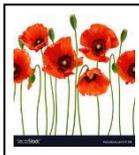
Please note that there is **no school next week**. We are on holiday from **Saturday 26th October to Sunday 3rd November** and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 4th November.

School office



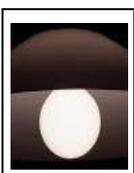
There are a few families who have not yet returned their bank mandate forms for fee payments. Please send these to Mr. Prescott (bisbbursar@telenet.be) as soon as possible.

Please note that the 90-day deadline for departures in the Spring term is January 3rd, 2020.



As you may have noticed, we once again have a 'Poppy box' in each entrance hall as part of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, which supports and commemorates casualties of war. The **remembrance poppy** has been used since 1921 to commemorate military personnel who have died in war and represents a common or field poppy. This was inspired by the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields" (in Belgium). Today, these poppies are worn by many people leading up to Armistice Day on 11th November.

There is a collection tin next to each of the boxes. This year there are some very beautiful poppy items, including various bracelets and keyrings, so we have suggested suitable donations to reflect the value of each. Thank you for your support.



As you will have seen in the Home School book this week, the whole school has had a great time exploring the theme of '**Light and Dark**'. This has led to lots of creative work exploring shadows, contrasts, silhouettes, light-effects ... so many interesting ideas that have sparked the children's artistic imagination, not to mention the enthusiasm they have shown for the science and literacy related to the topic. We could carry on for weeks! The work is going up on the display areas in both buildings – do come and take a look and let us know what you think 😊.



Year 6 will be visiting the **House of European History** on **Tuesday 5th November** for a 'Power of Communications' workshop. This is a 'small backpack day'. Children should wear smart uniform and have a coat, snack, drink and packed lunch. They will be back at school for the normal end of school time.



Year 4 will be going on their annual **Forest Walk** on **Wednesday 6th November**. This trip links to their numeracy topics on coordinates, angles, degrees and directions, and will include exercises with maps and a compass. The children will practice map-reading and way-finding skills and will be out all day, returning for the end of school.



It's **Year 3's** turn to go **swimming** to the amazing NATO pool on **Wednesday afternoons** after half-term. Every child needs a swimming hat, a swimming costume (speedo trunks for boys, not shorts), and a towel in a separate swimming bag. The children will be practising their fast walking skills to catch a local bus and will return, thoroughly worn out, shortly after the end of school. Parents with siblings are welcome to wait in the Junior department library for the Year 3s to return.



Meanwhile, the **Year 4s** will be going to play **tennis** on **Thursday mornings** after half-term. They will share the swimming coach with the Year 2 children and return to school for lunch as normal.



Here are the talk topics for after the holiday break:

Nursery: 'What clothes should you wear on a windy day?'

Reception: 'What animals can you find in the forest?'

Year 1: 'What things might happen if there is not enough rain?'

Year 2: 'What are some of the things you like about the dark?'

Year 3: 'Who was Hans Christian Andersen? Research his name to find out more!'

Year 4: 'Name five advantages a mobile phone gives you.'

Year 5: 'How long is it acceptable to be on the computer or iPad?'

Year 6: 'Should mobile phones be used in the classroom for research – discuss''



Stars of the Week



Reception: Tanay for making a fantastic work of art in his portrait frame.

Adam for being very enthusiastic during music lessons.

Year 1: Adrian - for neat, accurate and quick work on the 'igh' and 'oa' sounds this week.

Saksham - for doing so well in this week's big spelling test.

Year 2: Ayra for doing great our owl poster this week, both the brilliant artwork and the excellent writing!

Aradhya for great improvement in his English and for always being a positive and happy attitude!

Year 3: Sharvi for lovely poetry and artwork on the northern lights.

Abhih for excellent behaviour in class and on the playground.

Year 4: Dhanishka for her fantastic firework poem art

Thomas for his fabulous firework poem art.

Year 5: Pranaya for great effort and a positive attitude to school.

Year 6: Maanas for his outstanding essay and remembering to use capital letters – finally!

And to end the week:

"When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for stars."

Have a wonderful holiday break and enjoy time together