

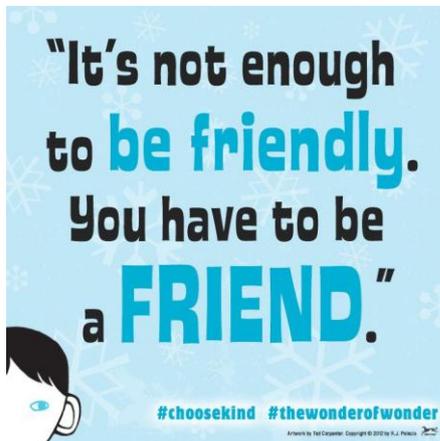


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Newsletter 8

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OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS TERM IS KINDNESS.

I can hardly believe we have reached the end of my first half term as headteacher in school. It has been very busy and very enjoyable, mainly due to the warm welcome and support I have received from my staff, parents and Governors. We have truly delightful children in our school who we should all be very proud of. I have shown numerous visitors around school over the last few weeks and all have commented on the lovely manners, confidence and welcome they have received from the children. So I would also like to say a big thank you to the children for setting such a wonderful example to visitors, staff and each other within our daily school life.

Attendance:

The attendance percentage for the whole w/e 19th October 2017 is 97.2% -----The winning class is Year 1/2 with 99.1%

Congratulations! SUPERSTARS of the week:

Well done to this week's 'Seven Wonders': **Leyton Bowden, Louis Armstrong, Zain Anglesea-Khan, Amber Taylor, Macie Clavin, Callum Burkhill and Summer Taylor.**

Well done to this weeks 'Rivington Remarkables': **Ted Wharton-Jones, Maison Austerberry, Archie Noblett, Alfie Gibson, Leyland Armstrong, Tobey Percival and Niamh Loftus.**

Well done House Captains: **Mackenzie Bowden, Lara Dobson, Niamh Loftus and Kian Fishwick.**

Well done to our Eco-Warriors: **Christopher Owen and Jennifer Young.**

Well done to our Learning Mentor: **Summer Taylor**

Well done to our Computer Co-ordinator: **Leon Eardley.**

Well done to our termly SUPERSTARS:

May Roper, Sebastian Austerberry, Thomas Rigby, Emily Freeman, Harry Buckley, Gracie Davenport, Eloise Whitwood, Erin Freeman, Alex Murray, Danilo Gillam, Niamh McColl and Felix Cuerden.

A special well done to **Sebastian Austerberry** for being the first child in school to complete their Bronze Award!

Well done to all the children who performed at this week's CHIP concert at Holy Cross – you were amazing. Around 10 local schools took part in the concert and the finale was amazing! Our children really 'did school proud' and much of it was down to their own hard work. A



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special thank you goes to Mrs. Hodgekinson, Mrs. Cuerden and Mr. Cairns for helping to organise the children and for taking them to the event.

Anti-bullying week:

On Monday 13th November we will be marking the start of Anti-bullying week by inviting the children to wear odd socks to school. This is remind us of the ant-bullying alliance message:

"All Different. All Equal."

Pick out your colourful odd socks now!



Parents Evening – Thank you to all parents/carers who attended parents evening this week. This is a very important time to discuss how well your child has settled into their new class and the progress they are making. If you were unable to attend please contact the office to arrange a convenient time to speak to your child's class teacher. It was nice to meet so many of our parents who had many positive comments about how happy and settled your children are and how welcoming school is.

E-Safety - Each week we will aim to share with you some useful websites that can help keep children safe when online. This week we are sharing: Keeping Young Children Safe Online: Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like iPads and smartphones from a younger and younger age. This advice contains top tips for parents and carers for keeping young children safe online. www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-young-children-safe-online.

Medical Forms- Please can you ensure that you have returned your child's form regarding medical conditions such as asthma, travel sickness or information of any allergies that they may have. If you haven't returned this yet or cannot locate the relevant form please come and ask myself or Miss Redmayne – it is crucial that we know of any medical problems that your child may have eg; asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc.

Being mindful of the health and safety of your children we ask you:

- Not to drive into the playground or park on the zigzags outside of the school.
- Not to bring dogs into the playground
- Not to send your child in to school for 48 hours if they have been sick.
- Not to send nuts to school
- Not to smoke on the school premises.



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Volunteer helpers -We are always looking for volunteer helpers to come into school to help with the children. Parents, Carers and friends of our school are very welcome, so if you have a free morning or afternoon available to hear children read or help with art or crafts, please contact the school office. Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered via our previous register, the information has been collated and is now being shared amongst the staff in order for them and myself to contact you - your help is really appreciated.

Reporting your child absent: If your child is unwell and won't be able to attend school, please contact school to inform us of the absence. This can be done by telephoning school and selecting option 1.

Children in Need 2017 Friday, 17th November: we will be having a non-uniform/spotty clothes day for a £1 donation. 'Let's make school spotty for the day' – the children can come dressed in as many spots as possible. There will be some prizes for the best dressed in each class.

This year's events for Children In Need:

- Stuck with a jar of 1ps and 2ps? Have you got any loose change we can add to our Children In Need coin trail? Please bring on the day.
- Also on the day, we are collecting old £1 coins for 'Pudsey's Round Pound Countdown' – keep your eyes peeled for these coins which are no longer legal tender.
- After-school there will be a cake sale.
- Guess the pom-poms in the jar game.
- A Pudsey Hunt in school.

Further details of prices/costs to follow.

Remembrance: We are selling a range of items to raise money for The Royal British Legion. We have the normal poppies for a minimum donation of 50p and we have friendship bracelets (£1), wristbands (50p), reflectors (50p) and snap bands (£1). These will be on sale from the week beginning the 6th November (after half-term holidays).

Year 5/6 Class Assembly:

Year 5/6 will be leading our assembly on Friday 10th November at 9:15am. Please come and join us to share in their achievements and celebrate their efforts.



Here are some tips to help you enjoy trick or treating, while staying safe:

- Make sure a responsible adult or guardian goes with you.
- Plan your route with an adult before you leave the house and make sure someone else knows where you are going.
- Carry a torch and wear reflective or light-coloured clothing so you can be seen
- Stay close to home and if possible only visit the houses of people you know.
- **NEVER** enter a stranger's home.



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- Stay on pavements and check carefully before crossing a road - especially if there's a large group of you.
- Throw away any treats or sweets that have been opened or unwrapped.
- If you are wearing a mask, make sure that you can see clearly out of it.
- Make sure your costume is warm - it is almost November!

Parent Drop in Tuesday mornings 10:00am Every Tuesday morning at 10:00am Mr Sands (Chair of Governors) will be in school to meet with Mrs Annette. If any parents/ carers have anything they wish to discuss please let us know in advance and we will make sure we are available.

Planners:

Please can you ensure that you have read and signed the home-school agreement and e-safety agreement in the front of the school planners. There is also a section for you to read and sign with your child – all this goes towards strengthening and sharing our school's values and ethos. Many thanks!

SCHOOL BANK!

Our School Bank takes place in 'The Tree House' every Friday from 2:45pm.

Primary Admission Information for 2018: Admissions for Reception opened on Monday 4th September. The closing date for Primary School Admissions is Monday 15th January 2018. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website. **Please note:** Last year there was a change to our pre-school criteria/points. This has had to be made due to direction from LCC Admissions. Please check if you are applying this year.

Free School Meals : All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for Universal free school meals. However children in the infants and the juniors may qualify for free school meals because you are in receipt of certain benefits, in which case you need to register your eligibility. If you are eligible your child could qualify for Pupil Premium funding from the Government which will come into school to improve pupil attainment or provide additional opportunities. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you to all parents, carers and families for your continued support.
Have a lovely holiday and I hope that you manage to enjoy some much-valued time together!
Mrs. Annette

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