



## Newsletter – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

*Educating 'for life in all its fullness.'*

### Attendance

Week Ending 13<sup>th</sup> November

Reception	99.3%
Class 1	96.0%
Class 2	97.7%
Class 3	94.4%
Class 4	98.9%
Class 5	98.5%
Class 6	98.6%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>97.6%</b>

### Attendance Champions: Reception Congratulations.

Our school attendance expectation is **97%**. Well done to everyone who achieved this.

**Our accumulative attendance for the academic year so far is 96.1%**



### Values for Life

This half term in collective worship the children will be focusing upon the value of:  
**FORGIVENESS**

**Proverbs 15:28** The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking; the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words.

This week's focus will be:

#### Apologise



### Global Citizenship Thread

Last half term the children focused on **DIVERSITY**. This half term our whole school theme will be **VALUES AND PERCEPTIONS**.

Growth in MIND,  
BODY, SPIRIT

Dear parents/carers

Growth in SPIRIT

*I wanted to share with you a couple of updates that will benefit us all over this half term.*

*First of all, we now have a new module on our parent communication system. Once set up, the new Parents Evening portal will allow you to book your appointment times online. Information about this will follow shortly.*

*As promised, I have also looked into how we can ensure all parents can access live events after some missed out during the Harvest Service. Unfortunately Zoom cannot help with this problem, but with a little help from our IT Support, Microsoft Teams Live will be used and you will receive a URL link in the usual way. We practiced this during our Celebration assembly on Friday and can confirm that it will work!*

### Remembrance

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On behalf of the school community, Year 5 walked to the memorial to pay their respects and present a wreath. Mr Fisher very kindly offered to play the cornet with the traditional 'Last Post' followed by a minute's silence and reflection for the pupils and staff. One of the residents of the street, Mrs Drewitt came out to the children and expressed her gratitude for the visit and the wonderful wreath as she is herself a member of the armed forces. This was a humbling encounter for the children, who were then presented with handmade poppies from Mrs Drewitt that have been created in honour of every unknown soldier that has lost their life in service. In school, children took part in a minutes silence as part of their class worship and supported the Poppy Appeal.



### Upcoming Diary Dates:

#### November:

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** – Inter House Dodgeball Competition Y4, 5 and 6  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** – Anti-Bullying Week

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Conferences  
**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3 Class Worship (9:20am Zoom)

#### December:

**Tue 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** – Inspire Celebrations (Zoom)

**Tue 8<sup>th</sup>** – School Nurse Flu Vaccinations (Additional Visit)

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Dinner

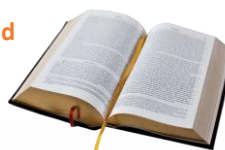
**Thu 17<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Extravaganza (9:30am Zoom)

### A Journey Through the Bible

Over the next two years, the Worship Committee are taking us on a journey through the bible and the Church year together.

The journey through the bible will be in six sections enabling us to journey through God's Story, Old and New Testament. The six sections are:

- **Creation and Covenant**
- **Exodus and Promised Land**
- **Judges and Kings**
- **Exile and Prophets**
- **Jesus and the Gospels**
- **Acts of the Church**



Each week the Worship Committee will plan to share a bible reading that is linked to the big story of the Bible. This week they have planned:

- **Creation and Covenant**: Creation (Genesis 1)
- **Creation and Covenant**: Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

Growth in MIND, BODY, SPIRIT



## Leaf Mandalas

Key Stage 2  
created some leaf  
mandalas in forest  
schools last week.  
The children  
created some  
amazing pieces of  
natural art.



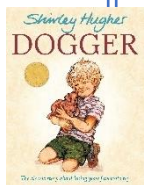
Growth in **BODY**

## Wellbeing and Attitudes Survey

As a school, we believe that positive wellbeing and attitudes contribute to strong attainment. In order to learn, children need to feel confident and positive about their abilities. They also need to be able to cope when they have setbacks and be able to express how they are feeling. We therefore need to be able to understand how children feel about themselves and their learning and to know when they may need extra help.

As part of our assessment of pupils, Key Stage 2 children are undertaking a Wellbeing and Attitudes to Learning Survey. The results of this will help us to understand strategies we can deploy which are designed to help us support pupils to develop skills in four areas:

- Positivity
- Self-efficacy
- Motivation
- Resilience and persistence



This information can also be shared with you during the upcoming parent conferences.



## Potion Making

Growth in **MIND**

Nursery children have been making potions. They have been using left over pumpkin in different coloured water and adding textures with pasta shapes and coloured sequins. The children have been exploring measuring with different sized containers and scoops.

## Improving our Environment

Growth in **BODY, SPIRIT**

On Friday, Reception children planted some remembrance bulbs in their garden. They talked about remembrance and how important it is to look after our outside environment.

## Growth in **MIND, BODY, SPIRIT** Wakefield Council Energy and Home Support Team

Please find below support links from the Energy and Homeowner Support team covering a range of Covid, energy and money related topics. I hope you find this informative.

Their most recent newsletter can also be found on the linked pages:

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/using/energy/help-with-home-energy-improvements>

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/using/help-for-homeowners-and-empty-properties/advice-and-help-for-homeowners>

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/using/energy/money-smart>

## Shirley Hughes – Dogger

Year 1 have been reading Dogger by Shirley Hughes over the last couple of weeks. The children created some wonderful pastel drawings of the character Dogger which were shared with the author. Shirley Hughes responded with her delight and gratitude to the children and sent them some special mementos to take home.

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## Howard Family Celebration Worship

The following children have been recognised for their:

- Outstanding achievements within the school week:  
Finley (Rec), Erin (Y1), Isaac (Y2), Neve (Y3), Elliot (Y4), Alex (Y5) and Elijah (Y6).
- Living our Christian values:  
Evan (Rec), Elizabeth (Y1), Jasmine (Y2), Joe (Y3), Harry (Y4), D'arcie (Y5) and Florence (Y6).
- Living our school vision:  
Isabelle (Rec), Isabella (Y1), Ben (Y2), Holly (Y3), Lola (Y4), Mia (Y5) and Ethan (Y6).



**Congratulations to Mia for her admirable behaviour. Mia frequently demonstrates a positive and forgiving attitude.**

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\*\*\*Dinner Debate\*\*\*

**This week's question to debate with family and friends at home:**

**'What makes an event worthy of remembrance?'**



## Children in Need 2020

Thank you for your support during Children in Need. Our school has raised **£228** to support children and young people across the country.

Growth in **SPIRIT**

## Covid-19 Update:

A number of parents have been asking about Christmas cards and staff presents.

## Christmas Cards:

This is an important tradition and will be allowed to take place once again. Please limit Christmas card writing to other children in the same class bubbles. Cards can be submitted to a box in class and then handed out shortly after.

## Staff Presents:

Although not expected, we are aware that some children and parents enjoy sharing gifts with their teachers. Again, this is fine but please can they be labelled so that we can store them centrally and then distribute at a later date.

**Thank you.**

**Thank you for your continued support, I hope that you have a lovely week.**

Mr Michael Walker – Headteacher



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