



Upcoming Events: (New Events Added)



**Week commencing 12th
November is Anti-Bullying Week**

12th November
Odd Socks Day!



Please come to school wearing odd socks to promote anti-bullying stance

12th – 16th November

Bikeability – Yr 6
Please bring a bike and helmet into school each day.

16th November

Children in Need Day
'Spotacular' dress-up theme, Cake Sale and £1 donation please!

Dear Parents,

I trust you all had a relaxing and restful half term. Autumn is in full swing now and the colours of the trees seem to have been particularly impressive this year – I hope you managed to find time to enjoy them during the holidays.

This half term has begun with some exciting sporting news. On Tuesday, we won the Harpenden Schools' Chess tournament – a wonderful achievement as the team were aware of the long legacy of chess success for the school which can bring with it additional pressure. This year's competition was very fierce and although we were in first place at the end of the group stages, the quality of play between us and Crabtree in the final round was intense - we won by just one point! The players' conduct throughout was fantastic and I was very proud of the way in which they played.

The chess team's success was followed quickly by the girls' football tournament. Our team came out top of their group and played in the first of the semi-finals, narrowly missing out on a place in the finals. The girls went on to win their playoff match, coming third overall which is a wonderful achievement. Throughout this year's new competition, both in the league and the tournament, the commitment the girls have shown to regular training and matches has really paid off and they should be very proud of their achievements, as are we.

Today has seen the hall taken over by a variety of creatures as part of UKS2 'Spirit of the Wild' Workshop (see further details within this newsletter). It's not often the children say goodbye to a meerkat as they leave the hall! In keeping with the school's commitment to providing a broad curriculum to the children, these experiences add to their learning, enabling them to develop their knowledge and promote an interest in the world around them.

This week has seen us focus on Remembrance as part of the centenary commemorations of the end of the First World War. Thank you to all those who have contributed to our community project, we have been sent some wonderful stories and photographs which will we enjoy sharing with you once they are all collated. I am always impressed with the sensitivity and respect shown by the children regarding such events in history and it has been wonderful to listen to some of their discussions in class.

20th November

Young Shakespeare Theatre Co.
Macbeth (Yr 5 & 6)

23rd November

Governor's Surgery – 1-3pm
Parents are welcome to attend and discuss topics + provide feedback to the School's Governing Board – tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!

26th November

Prospective Parents Meeting for Reception 2019, 9.30 – 10.30am

27th November

Nurse Visit for Year 6

30th November

Roundwood Park School and Dining hall closed – please provide your child with a pack-lunch on this day.

3rd December

Recorder Concert – 3pm

4th December

Prospective Nursery Parents' Meeting for Nursery 2019 – 2.15 - 2.45pm

5th December

Rotary Carol Concert – 7pm

6th December

School Open session – 3pm
School is open to parents to visit their child's classroom and view their work.

7th December

School Open session – 8.15am
School is open to parents to visit their child's classroom and view their work.

7th December

Carol Service – Oval Chapel, 10.30am, KS2 parents are invited to attend.

7th December

Friends Parent Party, School Hall – more information to follow

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Kind regards, Suzanne Webb

Anti-Bullying Week – week commencing 12th November

National Anti-bullying week takes place on the 12th-16th of November. The national theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. We will be completing many lessons and activities linked to Anti-bullying – What bullying is, what to do if you're being bullied and the importance of the bystander. We will also discuss Anti-bullying in relation to this theme of respect. The children will participate in lessons on staying safe online and P4C will be based around these themes too.

To raise awareness and promote our Anti-bullying stance we will be joining in with the National **Odd Socks Day on Monday 12th November**. Children and staff will be encouraged to wear odd socks on this day.

Thank you for your continued support and if you would like to remind yourselves of our Anti-bullying policy please see our website. Kind regards, Laura Stevenson.

War Stories and Whole-School Remembrance Artwork

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all families who took the time to collect and write their war time stories. We are ever so grateful for your time, care and contributions. I am sure these will help create a very treasured book for us all to share. Once it is complete we will place the book in the library and hope to place a few photos of it for the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support; it is always very much appreciated.

The whole school has worked hard to produce a striking piece of artwork for Remembrance which is on display in our School Reception area – please come and take a look



11th December

Foundation Stage Nativity Play

12th & 13th December

KS1 Christmas Play

15th December 2018

Christmas Fair 12-3.00pm



**Christmas
Holidays start on
Wednesday 19th
December - 2pm**

SCHOOL APPS

Schoolgateway

Please use Schoolgateway for payments

<https://www.schoolgateway.com/>

SIMS Parent Lite

Please use SIMS Parent Lite to securely update personal information held by school



**SIMS
PARENT**

<https://www.sims-parent.co.uk/>

Reminders

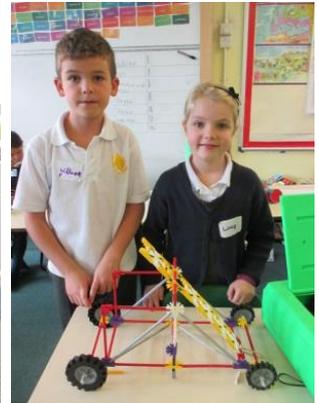
**Christmas Fair Poster
Competition**



Please send all entries for the Christmas Fair Poster Competition to the School Office by Monday, 19th October.

Year 3 & 4 DT SETPOINT Challenge Workshop

This week, Year 3 and 4 have taken part in a Catapult workshop as part of their DT lessons. The sessions were great fun and every child had the opportunity to make an individual wooden mini catapult and then worked together to create a larger moving catapult using K'Nex. This was a wonderful, action-packed session which also links with our History topic of the Romans.



Year 5 & 6 'Spirit of the Wild' Workshop

Linked to both our geography and history topics this term, the 'Spirit of the Wild' workshop delivered a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about and handle some amazing wildlife that they wouldn't normally be able to experience – including a Yellow-thighed Caique, Jungle Nymph and Brazilian Black Spider!!

All Year 5 & 6 children instinctively behaved respectfully around the creatures and the animal experts were very complementary about the way the children conducted themselves. Kind regards, Miss Smith, Mr Barker and Mrs Stevenson.



Dressing for the Season

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat with a hood as we encourage play outside in all weathers.

Moreton End Lane Cul-de-Sac

Please refrain from parking on yellow lines in the cul-de-sac as some residents are being blocked in their driveways – thank you for your consideration

Parent/Carer Volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers that are able to offer their time to help the school.

We still require help to maintain our outdoor space in the Foundation Stage unit. If you have time to spare preferably on Monday morning to help clear and sweep this area please let us know!

Rotary Shoebox Scheme 2018

Thank you to all parents and carers who returned their full Rotary Boxes to the school office. The boxes have now been picked up by the Rotary Team and if you still have a box to donate please do bring it to the School Office and we will make sure it gets to them and is delivered to those who are in need.

<https://www.rotaryshoebox.org>

Thank you for your continued support for this scheme.

Application Process for Primary School (Reception year group)

The application process for places at primary school for September 2019 opened on **Monday, 5th November 2018**. This process is for children currently in Nursery year and the deadline for submitting an application for a Reception place is **15th January 2019**. The Under 11s leaflet will be sent to all nursery age children shortly and it provides full guidance on this application process.

Newsletter Attachments:

- **Christmas Poster Competition A4 Submission Sheet**