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NEWSLETTER 5 – Friday 10th of November

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who made the Remembrance Service such a poignant event. The children were outstanding, with their manner, readings and conduct as they followed the school's core values of Thankfulness and Respect. Thank you to the Services, Royal British Legion, church, Reverend Foday, students, and staff that all made this event possible.



Well done to the School's Dodgeball Team who competed at the Regional finals the week before half term, Team 'Thunder' were exceptional in their game play. Congratulations to the Football Teams, both boys and girls, picking up gold medals at the local football tournament. Well done to all those children who are working hard with their clarinet and violins, my music teachers tell me you are progressing brilliantly and thank you parents for persevering with this as well!



Next week in conjunction with National Anti-bullying week and Buxworth's Friendship week, we have Odd Socks Day on the Monday and Spots and/or stripes day on the Friday, any donations can be made directly to Children in Need at [Ways to pay in your money - BBC Children in Need](#)

I have also had a message from our local residents, please can you avoid parking directly on the bend opposite the school when dropping off and picking up your children, you are welcome to park at the Memorial Club, but also please be mindful of your parking that it doesn't impede anyone else. To help remedy this I have also arranged for free parking at both St James Church and The Navigation Inn (you must give your registration number into the pub to do this). Also there will be no Parking at the Memorial Club in the afternoon on Friday the 17th of November as there is a funeral wake taking place on that date.

Mrs Turega, our English Coordinator has put together some information about Accelerated Reader and how it benefits our children, this is a research based diagnostic tool that we use in Key Stage 2 the information can be seen later in the newsletter.

I also had some happy/sad news to announce. At the end of this month Mrs Tamkin will be rejoining her Year 1/2 Hawthorn Class after returning from maternity leave. We are really pleased to be welcoming her back to Buxworth. This however, means we will be saying goodbye to Mr Tupman. Mr Tupman has been with the school for the last 3 years and has taught almost every year group across the school. He will be leaving to take up a Deputy Head's post and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing him all the best on his future endeavours.

Best Wishes

Mr Bertram

Accelerated Reader

What is Accelerated Reader?

AR is a popular reading programme used in thousands of schools to motivate children in Key Stage 2 to read independently and to increase their reading & vocabulary comprehension, as well as to help teachers monitor reading practice and progress. This is important as there is a proven link between strong reading skills and academic success - great readers make great learners!

How does AR work?

Your child will read books at their Zone of Proximal Development level (ZPD or Book Level) - this level can be found in their reading diaries and will be updated every half term. The ZPD Level (Book Level) comes from a STAR Reading Assessment that we complete with the children at the end of every half term. Star Assessments are computer-based reading assessments. The questions continually adjust to your child's responses, making the difficulty easier or harder where appropriate.

Your child will then pick a reading book in their own book level and read it at their own pace. When finished, they will take a short quiz on the iPad and by passing the quiz, the children show their understanding of the text they have read. These quizzes will be completed during school time. The children gain points by reading books and taking quizzes and these achievements will be celebrated at school. ZPD or Book Levels can be found on the orange stickers on the outside of your child's reading book.

How can I help my child?

1. Promote reading at home: encourage them to read regularly, either independently or to you.
2. Ask your child about the current book they are reading and how they are doing in their quizzes. Talking about a book will help improve your child's understanding.

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I thought I would remind everyone of the school's core values in developing our children to where they are going to be at the age of 25:

Resilience

Compassion

Trust

Entrepreneurial spirit

Environmentally aware

Keeping Safe

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Respect

Thankfulness

Friendship

Autumn Term Dates-

November

6th Theme- Thankfulness

10th Remembrance Service 10:30am at St James Church, Buxworth

13th Theme- Friendship

13th Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying week

17th Children in Need Day (Spots and/or stripes day)

18th Glowstick Walk 5-7pm

20th Theme- Resilience

27th Theme- Respect

28th Year 5/6 Tudor Trip to Bramall Hall

December

1st Christmas Lights Switch at School at school- 5:30pm

4th Theme- Advent

5th Grandparents' dinner EYFS, Key Stage 1 and siblings

6th Grandparents' dinner Key Stage 2

7th EYFS Nativity 9:30am

7th Year 1/2 Nativity 1:30pm

11th Theme- Compassion

14th Little Conkers Walk to Whaley

14th Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St James Church, Buxworth- 6pm

14th Little Conkers Walk to Whaley Bridge

12th Pantomime- Whole School Trip

18th Theme- Keeping Safe

21st Last Day of Term for children

22nd Inset Day

January

8th Children back in school

This is not an exhaustive list and is of course subject to change.

SAFEGUARDING is very important to us as a school. The Designated Lead at the School is Mr Bertram if you have any concerns about a child in our area please don't hesitate to contact him for advice. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

I have also located a useful one stop shop of mental health support sights if anyone should require the need. [Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2020/03/16/mental-health-resources-for-children-students-parents-carers-and-school-college-staff/)

As you are no doubt probably aware there has already been a spike in the number of illness in some of our local schools. I will you up to date with the latest government advice from Public Health England with regards to Coronavirus. I have listed below the current expectations from government with regards to protocols on prevention and school attendance should your child come down with symptoms, there are also useful links should you require more information, you can see these below:

