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Building tomorrow together

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NEWSLETTER 5 – Friday 13th November 2026

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 Serviceman, Veterans, Royal British Legion, the Church, students and staff that all made this event possible.



We raised £100 on Parent Pay for the Royal British Legion along with other cash donations on the day. Thank you all.

This Friday, we proudly supported two wonderful charities: Children in Need and Diabetes UK. The children looked fantastic showing their support in yellow, Pudsey and Children in Need merchandise, blue for Diabetes UK, or a mix of both! If you would still like to contribute, you can donate directly via the BBC Children in Need website Ways to pay in your money - BBC Children in Need or the Diabetes UK donation page Donate to Diabetes UK.

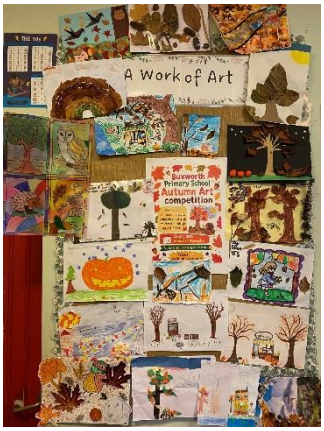
Congratulations to the School's Cross Country Team who won the overall local school's event, with some of the year group teams now going to represent the area at the regional event on Wednesday, we wish them all luck.



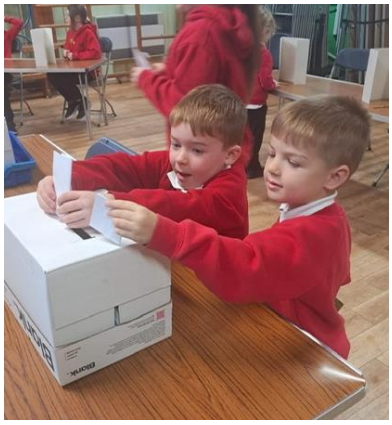
I would like to say thank you for a £1000 donation from a local resident who has sponsored all the transport for this year's School's Pantomime trip and therefore heavily subsidised the event for parental contributions. Thank you very much, you know who you are!

Mrs Tamkin, our Reading 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.

Well done to everyone who entered the Autumn Art Competition organised by Mrs Turega, the entries were fantastic I'm sure you will agree!



Congratulations to the I-Vengers, our student online safety ambassadors who were voted in last week by our student body. We look forward to their involvement in our continued online safety work and education at school and in the local community. Thank you to Mrs Rudder for organising the vote and who will be facilitating the training of the Digital Ambassadors.











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 Bool 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.

<u>Autumn Term Dates-</u>

<u>November</u>

16th Theme- Entrepreneurial Spirit

18th Grandparent's Meal KS1 and siblings

19th Grandparent's Meal KS2

20th Sycamore Egyptian Day

23rd Theme- Friendship

26th Buxworth's Big Vote- Democracy Week

30th Theme- Journeys

December

4th Christmas Lights Switch at School at school- 5:30pm

7th Theme- Compassion

7th Whole School Trip to the Pantomime

10th Christmas Jumper Day

10th EYFS Nativity 9:30am

10th Year 1/2 Nativity 1:30pm

14th Theme- Keeping Safe

15th Christmas Dinner Day

15th Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St James Church Buxworth- 6pm

18th Last Day of Term for children

January

4th Children back in school

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

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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

If when speaking to your children you could mention these key phrases and what they mean I would greatly appreciate it. This will reinforce the work we are doing at school and I think now more than ever we need to emphasis these are vital attributes for our children for the years to come.

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)**