

Good afternoon Parents and Carers

What a really good first week back we have had at school. To see so many smiling faces around school is a real pleasure and the wonderful work the children are doing is AMAZING. Please talk to your children about the school work they are doing!

It has been fabulous to see everyone following our site rules in order to keep each other as safe as possible. Thank you.

Also thank you to so many of you who have written in letters of empathy after the break in at school last weekend and the numerous offers of support both in man hours or in monetary terms. So generous. I am really pleased that we were able to protect the children from any of the damage and upset, and it seems that the vast majority of the damage our insurance will cover. So many of you have talked about raising money and I have an idea further down in this letter based around a Christmas Jumper Day.

Parents evenings

We are excited to be undertaking our first ever online parents evening next week. I really hope it is successful for everyone.

When running 'trial calls' last night at school and from receiving guidance from Huntington Secondary School who used it for the first time last night, we have found it worked well but there are definitely some things to make sure you do beforehand.

A separate letter regarding parents evening information will be sent out today to all parents directly via Parenthub.

Prior to parents evening, potentially this evening!, Year 1 to 6 pupils will be receiving some target sheets. These reflect things that we will be working on in school with your child, any help you can do towards them at home will really help. We are sending them out prior to parents evening so that it helps parents' evening go smoother.

Your child's teacher will focus upon three main aspects with you:

1. **Behaviour for learning/settling back into school life – (readiness to learn, respect, effort, active listening, resilience, collaborative skills, independent learning etc).**
2. **What learning is going well?**
3. **What the next steps in learning are? (through sharing some key targets for your child).**

Fund Raisers

At school, we are trying to keep everything as normal as possible and so we want to hold 3 fundraisers that we would do this half term.

This week is **Remembrance** Sunday and is of course very dear to our heart. Even though we are not selling poppies, we are marking the occasion in school and we have representation at the Remembrance Service on Sunday and would encourage you to donate directly to the British Legion website.

Next Friday is **Children in Need**. This again is something we always celebrate and of course embrace Pudsey. We would like the children to wear non uniform (perhaps their PE day wear but with something yellow or a Pudsey item and bring a £1 donation to put into the class collection box. We will also do some activities during the school day too and mark the special day during Friday assembly too.

Christmas is always a time for our own school fundraiser and many of you have been talking about raising money in light of the damage from our recent break in and we wondered if this was a good vehicle to do it through. Traditionally this is via our Christmas Fayre. For obvious reasons this cannot happen this year but we still want to celebrate Christmas in school with our children!

We would like to hold a Christmas jumper day in December (date to be confirmed) where the donation you make can be an open amount. We are saving for new books, musical instruments, play equipment and other items including IT equipment to support home and in school learning. The money we raise will be well used and is always spent on things beyond the school budget. I hope you think that this is a good idea.

Many thanks, as ever for your support. Don't forget to keep phones etc close at hand in case of last minute notices and have your children well prepared for colder and wetter weather at the start and end of the day.

Have a great weekend.

Chris Evans