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Welcome to the November newsletter. Thank you to everyone for joining in with 'Odd socks' day on Monday to kick start our anti-bullying week. We are having a competition in school this week to design an Anti-bullying superhero. The winner will be announced on Friday.



Children in need

We raised
£209.00

Thank you for your
kind donations.

Xmas plans

Unfortunately, many of our normal Christmas plans cannot take place this year. At the moment, we cannot sing inside and we cannot invite parents in. The staff got together to discuss what we can do to make Xmas fun for everyone.

Enterprise activity

We cannot do the usual raffle this year and cannot sell tickets to plays. Therefore opportunities to fund raise this year are very limited. We have decided to do an 'enterprise' activity with the children where they make something to sell. The children will be making lanterns from glass jars with LED tea lights, which they will decorate. They will then sell these to family members for £1.50. Please can you start sending in **clean** glass jars. From Monday 23rd November there will be a box outside the office to collect the jars.

Please do not send the jar into the classroom.



Singing, acting, dancing etc...

Each class is going to prepare something for Xmas which they will film and post on Tapestry. Some may be singing (outside), or acting out the Xmas story, or a poem. If you would prefer your child not be included in the filming to go on Tapestry please tell the class teacher by **Friday 27th November**.

Xmas wrapping paper

Do you have any spare rolls of wrapping paper that you no longer require that we use to decorate our tables for Christmas dinner. Any donations can be left outside the school office.

Other festivities:

Monday 14th- Year 1 Xmas party
Tues 15th- Reception Xmas party
Wed 16th- Xmas dinner
Thurs 17th – Year 2 Xmas party
Thursday 17th- special visitor
Friday 18th- Break up
Monday 4th January- Back to school.



The Rosie May foundation is a Nottingham charity that raises money to help children in poorer countries to grow up within a safe place and with hope for a positive future. They help families and children in Sri Lanka and Nepal. During the pandemic, they have also helped elderly and vulnerable people in our local communities by delivering meals and medicines.

In school, the children will be learning about the lives of the children in Sri Lanka and that the opportunities we have are not available to them. We are going to raise money to buy school bags and school shoes for the children in Sri Lanka.

On Monday we are going to give the children a tube of Smarties. If you would like to help us raise money then keep the tube and try to fill it with as many 20p and/or £1.00 coins as you can. It does not matter if you do not fill it. Every little bit of money will help.

Bring your filled Smarties tubes back to school on the 17th December and a special visitor will be collecting them on his tuk tuk.

To find out more have a look at the Powerpoint posted on Tapestry or [click here](#)

“What is the best thing about being in your class?”

Maple

- Learning
- Playing with the trains

Willow

- Friends
- Dojo points
- Role play areas
- Sharing toys
- Being kind to each other
- Playtime
- Dressing up day
- Caring for each other
- Teachers

Cedar

- Art - they have really enjoyed drawing different poppies
- Topic - learning about Guy Fawkes
- Maths - Addition
- Vocabulary wall - we are really enjoying learning new words.

Beech

- Drawing poppies
- Maths and Numbersense
- Meeting friends
- Playing with the Lego"

Oak

- Learning to be a role model for the rest of the school
- Having learning partners to share our learning with
- Doing group learning like sorting activities/science investigations
- Being with our friends every day

Sycamore

- Being good/following rules
- Learning all the different subjects
- Phonics
- Getting silver and gold cards
- Being with their classmates
- Playing with their friends
- Their teachers



Thank you to everyone who has registered with Easy fundraising website. For the first time ever we have had an alert that we have raised money! If you register and shop through this website will we earn money, which we can spend on the children.

Early reading/Phonics

Reception parents: If you would like to find out about how phonics and early reading is taught in school, and how you can help at home, please see the Tapestry post from Friday 13th November.

Reading wallets

A message from Miss Justice:
Each child will be coming home with a new, labelled reading wallet. Children are to keep their school reading books and diaries in these wallets (which fit into book bags). Children will now be bringing home three books (2 that are in line with their phonic knowledge/stage of reading and 1 that is a family sharing book). The purpose of the family sharing book is for an adult to read to/with the child. There is a document explaining how you can support your child with reading at home in the wallet. This information (and more) has also been added to our website so please feel free to take a look.

Attitudes to Learning

This half term our focus is on **resilience** - the ability to recover quickly from difficulties. In the classroom this might look like...

- Knowing it is okay to make mistakes
- Having a go at everything
- Explaining how to improve.

Each Friday in assembly one child from each class will receive a certificate for being resilient, plus one child will be chosen for being a role model of our 'Work hard, be kind' motto.



Purple Mash – Festive Card Competition



Please see the letter from school, dated Friday 13th November, for details of an online festive card competition, run by Purple Mash. You can also find this information, including details of how to enter, on Tapestry. Entries must be in (through Purple Mash) by **Monday 23rd November**. Good luck!

The Winner

Your design will become the official Purple Mash festive card!
Plus winners will receive
10 copies of their card,
a £10 Amazon voucher
and a 2Simple Goody Bag.