



Sarratt CE Primary School Newsletter

11th November 2016

(Autumn Term - 3)

Core value: RESILIENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new half term has begun with a bang! Last week, we all had a blast during science week which involved no electricity, toasted marshmallows and a visit from Sir Isaac Newton! We even managed to squeeze in a



special visit from Bishop Michael who really enjoyed our singing and dancing! This week we have launched our new theme of resilience. On Friday the staff and children will be gathering together for a two minutes silence on Remembrance Day, while the year 6 will visit the cenotaph in Sarratt.

Events coming up soon..!

Power for Good Week: 14th-18th November

Next week is anti-bullying week in England. The theme for this year, from the Anti-Bullying Alliance, is 'Power for Good'. The children will be involved in assemblies and lessons to understand and encourage individual and collective action to stop bullying and create a better world.

For more information please visit:

<http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/>

Children in Need: 18th November – non-school uniform day



To support BBC Children in Need, children are invited to come to school spotty! They can wear a spotty item of clothing, Pudsey ears or simply decorate their clothes in spots for a donation.

Book Fair: 17th-23rd November

The book fair will be visiting from the 17th to the 23rd November. Please come along at the end of the school day.

Other dates for your diary

SPA Mufti Day: 24th November

Occasional Day (school closed): 25th November

INSET Day: 28th November

For all Christmas events please check the website.

Car parking

We realise many families drive to our school and it can be difficult to find a parking space. We are lucky that The Cricketer's pub lets parents use their car park for dropping off and collecting children recently however some parents have blocked their delivery entrance and parked dangerously. As we do not want to lose their goodwill, please park considerately and remind children to look carefully when crossing the car park.

We also would like to encourage parents and children to use our footpath down the side of the school car park as it is not safe for them to walk down the middle of the carpark. Thank you.

Cornerstones

Our new Cornerstones Curriculum has been a huge success! The children were



excited and inspired while studying the various imaginative learning projects last half term. The quality of homework we have seen in school has been amazing – the children have been really enthusiastic to share their experiences. We would love to hear your feedback on this. Please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to school.



Some of our fabulous projects!

PE

Please ensure your child has an outdoor PE kit and outdoor PE shoes in school.

Gardening

The children in Year 2 and Year 5 have planted up some fantastic hanging baskets and planters which you can see on display in the playground. Some of these will be available for sale to help raise funds for our outdoor



learning activities. We will hold our first sale after school next Friday 18th November. These will also be available at the School Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December along with pots of Christmas flowering Narcissi planted by Reception and Year 1.

The outdoor learning sessions will continue as the weather gets colder, so please ensure that the children have warm, waterproof clothing and muddy activity footwear in school on their day. Mondays – Years 2, 5, 6 / Fridays – Reception, Years 1, 3, 4.

As we have little storage space, children are encouraged to bring these on the day of their lesson in a named bag then take them home at the end of the day.

Open Doors Charity – St Albans

Thank you all very much for your support and donations towards the collection for the homeless charity. The gift boxes will be wrapped by Y4 children on the 9th December. Any more donations would be greatly received. The last day that gifts can be brought in is 25th November. The following would be greatly appreciated, wash flannels, wash products, toothbrush/paste, pants, socks, hats, scarves, gloves.

Many Thanks, Ethan and Ted (Y4)

WELL DONE!!!!

Sarratt football team and netball team played a match at home on Tuesday 8th November against Russell school. Sarratt football team won 2-0 and Sarratt netball team won 13-0. Congratulations to all the players.

Staffing News

We are sad to announce that Mrs. Gregory will be leaving us this November. Although this is not a final goodbye as she will still be involved in school, volunteering to support children in KS1. We thank her for her hard work and dedication to the school and look forward to working with her in the future.

We would also like to thank all of the parent volunteers who have been working hard in school this term with our children. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Reminders

A letter will be going out on Monday to order Christmas lunch. Please ensure it is returned to school by the 16th November.

Our lost property collection is growing at an alarming rate! Please check the drawers outside the year 3 classroom if you are missing any items of clothing.

Nicola Sales

Deputy Head Teacher