



# Headteacher Newsletter

***Believe in yourself, Value others, Be proud of your achievements, Smile, Shine, Be happy.***



How have we already made it into November? It seems that if we blink we will miss it!

We have made some fantastic progress already this year in our learning and the children are all really getting stuck in to taking their learning forward outside of school too, it is really a delight to see. Last month I signed many, many, many Purple Lights for children who have created some incredible pieces of

homework and lots of them will be added to our home learning displays across the school. We are all very proud of you all, please keep up the hard work. We really do see a difference in your learning in school when you carry on your learning at home too. Mrs King has also reported that many more children are using our online resources too, which is fantastic. Well done everyone for taking ownership of your own learning and doing what you can to better yourself too.

Over the last month we have once again had many trips and visitors in school. Many of these are listed to the right as if I start to talk about them, we will be here all day. Once again can I thank all of the staff who take the additional time out to support these visits and to Mrs Afford for continuing to organise all of our wonderful trips and visits. Without their hard work and dedication we wouldn't be able to offer so many opportunities to our children. We would also like to thank the parents who continue to contribute to these visits, without your support these visits wouldn't be financially viable, I know the children really appreciate it.

Looking forward to November we have a lot to look forward to. Today we have the wonderful Year 3 performance for Harvest which you can see more about on the next page. On Monday and Wednesday we have our first Parents Evenings of the year and we look forward to welcoming all of the parents in to see how well their children have settled into the new year and what they have been working on so far. Just a reminder that it is an evening for Parents only and while we can appreciate that sometimes it can be tricky to organise child care we feel that these evenings are an opportunity for teachers and parents to have open and honest conversations without the children present. Like we said in our letter, if you are unable to organise child care we suggest you book a separate appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on a different day after or before school. Thank you for your understanding with this. Also on Wednesday we have got the next SEND Parents Cafe focusing particularly on Mathematics Online Resources. This will be in the HUB room, please let the SEND team know if you are able to attend so they can get enough biscuits. Towards the end of the month we have our annual PJ day for Children in Need and then finish with our school photographs on the 20th November. These photographs are for individuals and siblings

As you are all aware, we are constantly working on trying to improve our attendance throughout the school. Please can you help us in making sure your children are in school on time every day unless they are really poorly. If there is a reason why your child is unable to attend school then please can you make sure that you call the school and leave us a message and if possible send your child's Class teacher a Dojo message to let them know too. This just saves us valuable time and resources in chasing up missing children and we can better use the time on other things. We really appreciate your help with this.

Just another quick reminder before we move on to other things, can I please remind you all that Parents and Carers are responsible for their children first thing in the mornings before the doors open and at the end of the day once they have been passed over into your care. Please can you ensure that children are safe while on school site and also be mindful that staff may have set up equipment or activities (particularly in Reception) for the children to take part in during the morning sessions, so if you could ensure your children do not play with these resources we would really appreciate it.



## Highlights from the past month

Many children and staff took part in the Anna's Hope Fun Run raising lots of money for a great cause, we are so proud of you all

Some of our Southfields pupils took part in the Diwali Festival, well done to all children who took part

Year 3 pupils visited Flag Fen, Reception children went off to the library, Year 2 visited Nene Valley Railway and Year 4 had a fantastic Roman day with History off the page

The Little Blue Monster Production company came in for their final performance this term for our KS1 children which was thoroughly enjoyed by all

## Harvest Celebrations

Today they Year 3 pupils are going to be performing to their Parents as part of our Harvest Celebrations. They have linked this in to their Stone Age topic and I cannot wait to see what they have come up to. I have heard them rehearsing but have been banished from watching the practice so it will be a surprise to me also on the day. A huge thank you to all of the children and parents who have donated food for our Harvest this year. We have decided to support the Salvation Army this year who will be collecting all of the donations on Monday morning, I think they will be blown away by how much everyone has managed to collect. That is something we are always so proud of, how kind our families are in supporting those less fortunate than themselves. So once again, thank you.



## Children in Need

It seems like only yesterday that we were all crawling out of bed and making our way in adding only our Pudsey ears to our outfits. PJ day is always such a highlight of the year for us as the children have a wonderfully calm but fun day learning all about how this incredible charity supports children and their families across the UK. The money raised is used to support 2,400 projects all across the country who help children facing a range of disadvantages such as poverty and deprivation, children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect or disabled young people. This is obviously something very close to all of our hearts and so each year we take part in our PJ day and donate £1. We also have lots of Pudsey accessories that will be available for the children to purchase which include Pudsey ears and keyrings. More information of when these will be on sale and prices will follow shortly. This will take place on Friday 17th November and a Class Dojo will follow.



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## Power Maths

We are really excited and pleased to announce that we have now received our brand new Power Maths resources in KS1. This is a Mastery approach programme to Mathematics and includes online support in addition to textbooks and workbooks. This resource is very expensive but we believe will have a big impact on children's learning in Mathematics. The idea is that all children have access to mastery and are able to embed their learning before moving onto the next concept and it is based on the Singapore strategy. The materials are really child friendly and have already piqued the children's interest which is fantastic. Some year groups are using the workbooks as homework, but can I ask you all as parents to please ensure that your children care for these books and return them to school on the day asked. These books are very expensive and we are unable to replace lost books without a contribution from parents so please look after of them. I really look forward to seeing how this boosts our children's learning in Mathematics. The KS2 element to Power Maths will be released



## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Punctual Achievement:

Poppy C, Mylee B, Erin B, Ruby C, Paige C, Jake B, Julia B, Imogen S, Cerys B, William C, Jasmine B, Lucy AB, Alex D, Ruby B, Savannah L, Jacob B, Alisha M and Nell C.

Achievements KS1:

Lucas L, Dexter B, Freya S, Oscar W, Zara W, Ashton J, Lottie S-H, Alexandra T, Kaden P, Gracie-Mae P, George T, Charlie S, Sebastian W, Alice G, Oscar S, Luke P and Sophie G.

Achievements KS2:

Isla S, Oliver C, Emilija M, Daniel J, Jamie M, Hannah C, Cameron W, Alfie J, Bradley L, Zulaikha K, Archie J, Luca P, Alfie D, Dawn I, Jaydee B, Joe W, Alex C, Katie N, Teigan B, James P, Ellis A, Melissa S, Amber C, Kallum R and Jaydee B

Mathletes of the week:

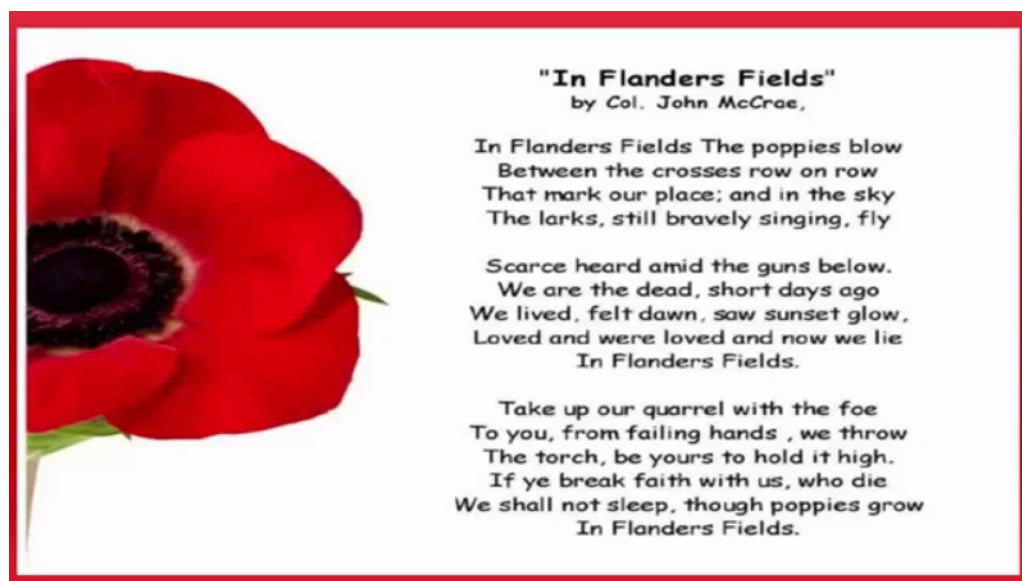
Avika Y, Ugne B, Emilia K, Cameron P, Shyla J and Stefan M



## Remembrance Day

Armistice Day is on 11th November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day that World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. A two minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars. There is also Remembrance Sunday every year, which falls on the second Sunday in November. This year it will fall on Sunday 12th November. On this day, there are usually ceremonies at war memorials, cenotaphs and churches throughout the country, as well as abroad. The Royal Family and top politicians gather at The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, for a memorial service. The anniversary is used to remember all the people who have died in wars - not just World War One. This includes World War Two, the Falklands War, the Gulf War and conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. At school we take the time to observe the two minute silence and also have a special assembly to remember those

who have lost their life. I enclose a poem by Col. John McCrae which we share each year called "In Flanders Field" and we will once again be selling Poppies in support of the Royal British Legion. Money raised through the Poppy Appeal is used to help servicemen and women who are still alive, whose lives have been changed by wars that they have fought in. It might help them to get jobs and somewhere to live, and will also help older war veterans with any support they may need. It is also used to help those who have lost loved ones because of wars.



## Hello's and Goodbye's

We have some staffing news to share with you all. During the month of November we unfortunately will be saying goodbye to some wonderful members of staff who are going on to pursue promotions and different experiences in other schools. Firstly we will be losing Mrs Mastin who is currently working in Year 4 with Miss Dooley who is training to become a teacher. She is off to another Peterborough School to work as a HLTA and do cover teaching to build up valuable experience in teaching and we wish her all the best in her development towards becoming fully qualified. Maybe we will see her back here in the future as a fully qualified teacher, we will have to wait and see. The second member of staff who we see moving on to pastures new is the amazing Mrs Metcalfe. Mrs Metcalfe has worked at Southfields for many, many years after beginning her time with us when her son Charlie was young. Mrs Metcalfe will be greatly missed for all of the additional support she gives to the school and I know she will be invaluable in her new post at Marshfield's where she will gain more experience with SEND children from across Peterborough. Joining Mrs Metcalfe on her move to Marshfield's is the lovely Mrs Tkaczuk who currently works in Year 3. Like Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Tkaczuk has been working with our Speech and Language HUB and has supported many of our HUB children in the few years that she has been with our school. All three of you will be dearly missed and we hope that you will take some time to come back and visit the children in the future. We will keep parents updated on progress on our replacements for these posts, the due in date for applications was today so we will know soon who will be coming to join our team. We have been extremely lucky this time as we have many applications to sort through so am sure we can find some Southfields stars.

With the knowledge of upcoming maternity leaves approaching at Christmas we took the decision to advertise for another Teacher to build up capacity within school. We are very pleased to announce the appointment of our new teacher Mr Knightley who will be starting with us before the end of the Autumn Term. He will initially be joining the Middle School Team to support particularly Year 4 with the loss of Mrs Mastin and Mrs Metcalfe but we will update you when we have confirmed which Year group he will move on to teach in the new year. We are very much looking forward to working with Mr Knightley who has been working at two Academy Primary Schools since beginning his career in teaching. He has particular interests in Sports, Mathematics and Science and will be a valuable member of our team.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Harleigh B, Alexander R, Archie W, Diana J, Macy C, Evan H, Kaden W, Reubun D, Kallum R, Temidayo C, Jakob B, Reuben B, Eduardo G, Malakhy L, Edward B, Marta G, Dana L, Oscar S, Brennen S, Jessiyah F, Kian L, Blake S, Hollie B, Calum C, Alexis H, Brandon T, Riley E, Ruby S, Paige J, Patricija R, Ali W, Poppy-Rose C, Laura K, Charlotte E, Simona H, Daniel L, Tiana R, James W, Vienna S, Dawn I, Sophie H, Joseph A, Jakub S, Erin S, Marcel S.

## HOUSE POINTS

October House points results are as follows:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Robins</b>	<b>563</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Canaries</b>	<b>489</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Kingfishers</b>	<b>432</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Parrots</b>	<b>412</b>



## PARENT'S COMMENTS TO THE HEAD

As always we really value your opinions about our school. Please add your comments here for the Headteacher. You can return them in an envelope if you would prefer them to remain confidential.

Please use the remaining space to make any further comments about things you like, the things you think we need to develop or any ideas you may have and we will try to use them in school.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November 2017

Thursday 2nd - Year 5 Puberty Talk - School Nurse  
 Friday 3rd - Harvest Festival - Year 3  
 Monday 6th - Parents Evening  
 Wednesday 8th - Parents Evening  
 Friday 17th - Children in Need day  
 Monday 20th - School Photography Day - individual and siblings

### December 2017

Wednesday 6th - Whole School Panto - Aladdin  
 Thursday 7th - Year 2 Christmas Performances  
 Friday 8th - Year 1 Christmas Performances  
 Monday 11th - Christingle for Year 4 Parents and Children  
 Tuesday 12th - Christingle service for rest of the school  
 Wednesday 13th - Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto  
 Thursday 14th - Year 5 Christmas Performances  
 Friday 15th - Talent Shows, Christmas dinner day and Disco  
 Monday 18th - Reception Christmas Performances  
 Tuesday 19th - Break up for Christmas holidays