

**COMING
UP
SOON IN**

2017
A FEW DATES FOR
YOUR DIARIES



Children in Need

17th November 2017



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
13TH-17TH NOVEMBER
2017



Odd Socks

15th November 2017

SAFETY, WELFARE AND WELLBEING NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th November 2017

Wow another month down, is it us or is the time flying by.

HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to the amazing amount of children who received purple lights.

52 children have had their purple light treats this last week.

Keep up the good work.

A very successful Harvest festival celebration where parents came in to watch the children and also stayed for meet and greet. Everybody took part in sharing their favourite food, reiterating the message of Harvest bringing communities together.

We have had a great month with lots of successful events. The Harvest festival was beautifully presented by the Year 3 children. All items that were kindly donated by the families of our school have been donated to The Salvation Army to support homeless and underprivileged people. The Salvation Army came and collected all of your generous donations on Monday 6th November 2017. They are very grateful for all the support as they cook lunches and provide shower facilities for homeless and underprivileged people. Many thanks to all the wonderful parents for their amazing support. We will have a special visitor from the Salvation Army on Monday the 13th November 2017 coming in to do an assembly on charity and where the children's donations go.

Parents evening was another great event, where many of you came and spoke to us regarding any issues or concerns you had. If you didn't get a chance to speak to us on any of these nights, please pop in at The Welfare Office, we are always happy to make an appointment with you at a mutually convenient time to you.

Mrs Bailey and her class led a very special Remembrance Day assembly on Friday 10th November 2017. We had special visitors from The British Legion and even someone who came and played the bugle before and after our 2-minute silence, marking the end of the First World War, it was a day to remember and honour those who have paid the price for our freedom. The children from Mrs Bailey's class read some beautiful poetry to mark this day.

We have some wonderful events planned for the next few weeks including Anti Bullying Week, Road Safety Week, Children in Need, Odd socks Wednesday 16th November 2017.

We had an incident last month where someone walked under the barrier when it came down. Could we please ask parents not to walk across the car park as cars are often reversing, you must use the painted path from the single gateway near KS1 to get around to the school and also under no circumstances should anyone walk under the barrier. This is a Health and Safety issue and we wouldn't want any accidents to occur.

Once again, we have had several parents and local residents raising concerns about parents parking on double yellow lines and grass verges outside of our school entrance. The Glatton Drive Car Park is always very well used and can be full so please do park at our alternative Community Centre site if you are unable to get in at Glatton Drive. We are very conscious that inconsiderate parking not only puts the safety of children at risk but also upsets the local residents and gives them reason to complain.

We have had a very successful first few drop in sessions with our School Nurse Allison Bellamy. School Nurse Drop In is Thursday 16th November 2017 9:00am-10:00am. Please feel free to just pop in and chat with her about any health related issues in respect to your children between those times. Allison Bellamy our school nurse can also be contacted outside of these drop in sessions via The Welfare Office.

Road Safety Week will be 20th-24th November 2017. Assemblies during this week will be focused around safety and Councilor Rush and Mrs Dawson will take two of the Community Cadets out on the morning of 22nd to put speed warning signs on the lamp posts near school. The next community task is likely to be some bulb planting along the perimeter fence of school.

The Community Cadets have been out litter picking in the community with Councilor Rush. They cleaned the Park and Stride Car Park at Glatton Drive and then checked the play equipment in Byron Park for repair and safety which on this occasion was all in good order.

The school will be celebrating Anti Bullying week 13th-17th November 2017. There will be Year group competitions and lots of activities around friendship and strategies for dealing with unkindness. During this week two Year 6 children will be appointed as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. The staff will also be holding a Random Act of Kindness Week where they will be giving each other anonymously small gifts, treats or notes in appreciation of their work and friendship. We would love parents to come on board and send notes of appreciation to members of staff where appropriate.

There will also be an Eastern European Coffee Morning for parents on 15th November at 09:00am. Councilor Rush will attend and help with any community issues.

Behaviour Lights

Below are details of lights issued during October to date

Racial/Homophobic Incidents	0
Bullying	0
Verbal Incidents	1
Physical Incidents	9
School Expectations not met	9
Disruption/Preventing Teaching & Learning	9
Purple lights and treats	53

	Purple	Green	Amber	Red	Number of children with behaviour plans who received lights
Year R					
Year 1		2			
Year 2		2			
Year 3	15	5	3		
Year 4	7	6			
Year 5	12		1	1	
Year 6	10	2			

Feature of the Month-Positive Relationships.

Forming positive relationships is key to life, it helps you feel mentally healthy and gives you a positive sense of wellbeing. We all have many relationships whether it be with family, the postman, the class teacher etc.

As children grow up, their ability to form and sustain relationships – be that with peers, parents or teachers. is crucial. Most children will naturally acquire these skills as they develop. However, there are some children who, for various reasons need some help with this. Our relationships aren't just limited to humans; we can have very positive relationships with our pets. These relationships can have a positive impact on both our physical and mental health.

Children's relationships with their parents, siblings, wider family and then of course their peers and other adults such as teachers are incredibly important. Whilst they can have a very positive impact on our mental health and wellbeing, when they aren't good, they can have a very negative impact on us. We know that other issues such as bullying, or relationship difficulties between parents can have an extremely negative impact on the child's mental health.

As I am sure you are aware, supporting children with relationships at home will hugely impact them with their skills to form relationships within society. We have purchased a counsellor who works individually with pupils to help them work through specific issues, usually home related; the list of children to see the counsellor grows daily. Whilst we are here to support the children with their relationships, we are also here to support parents support their children whether that be through our designated team or through signposting outside agency.

We want you to feel comfortable to come and speak to a member of staff if you have any issues or concerns.

We have also included a list of support services you can get in touch with who could also offer support with relationships or any other issues/concerns you may have

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- Parenting courses
 - www.cambsdasv.org.uk
 - Family voice
 - Family action
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It feels great helping others as we are a very kind school. We have a huge number of children working on a range of charity work and a waiting list of fundraising projects that children want to undertake in school.

Finally, we just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the parents that we have had the pleasure to work alongside so far this year. Please continue to pop and see us at the Welfare Reception. We will always try to make time to chat with you, have a coffee and try to help you with any concerns that you may have.

Mrs L Martin	Mrs R Farooq-Ayub	Mrs H Dawson	Mrs H Yeoman	Mrs D Campbell	Mrs H Magee
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