



Newsletter

10/11/14

Theme of the month: Sacrifice and charity (remembrance)

School Council

Last Friday we had our first school council meeting. This went really well. The children were involved in all sorts of ideas about School improvement and how we can make things better in a number of areas. One of the key things the children are keen on doing is more charity work. They want to do more to raise money for those who have less than us. This supports our work for children in need very well and therefore we used this as an opportunity to generate ideas for this Friday...Children in need day. The school councillors (with a little help) thought of some fantastic ideas in which they will raise money for this charity. So thanks to the School council, here are the fundraising activities which will take place on Friday:

- A giant Pudsey bear will be created and covered with coins!
- Reception pupils will create a self portrait and sell them (at a later date) in their art gallery (an invitation will follow!)
- Year 1 pupils are organising to teach others to play the 'tabla' (Indian drums used in religious worship) for '10p a go!'
- Year 2 pupils are organising a cake sale
- Year 3 pupils are organising a penalty shoot out for '10p a go'

Gurpurb-Guru Nanak Dev Ji's birthday:

We hope that your child impressed with you facts and knowledge about the three golden rules of Sikhism. We all had a fantastic day and the children had a great time participating in activities which exemplified the three principles. The assembly at the end of the day was very heart warming indeed. The children were able to, not only give us details about what they had learned, but understood that they had just applied the skills in the activities they did.

Forthcoming Events:

- An assembly around Christianity delivered by our chair of governors Mrs Martin
- Children in need
- A visit from our community Police officer
- WOW assembly
- Children in need day

Curriculum newsletters

This week you should expect a year group curriculum newsletter in which you will find out more about the learning your child will take part in this half term.

Homework

We have received lots of feedback from parents regarding homework. We are in the process of improving things in this area and will provide you with further clarity around this very soon.

Remembrance and sacrifice

We have talked a lot to the children about the world wars and the sacrifices that were made. We had a visit from Lisa Harrison, from the Royal British legion last Wednesday who talked to the children about what the charity does. She spoke to the children about how the money is raised, who it helps and how it makes a difference to the lives of others.

On Tuesday 11th November, we will hold a 2 minute silence to remember all of those who sacrificed their lives.



The Wider curriculum is here!

This week we begin our enrichment activities- the pupils will all take part in the wider curriculum between 3.40-4.10pm:

Reception: Drama & performance activities, including storytelling

Year 1: Tennis & Art

Year 2: Cooking & Basketball

Year 3: I-pad learning

Your child will participate in one of these activities in Year groups on a three week rota, after which, they will then swap and change to a different activity.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child is in correct School uniform everyday. Almost all, uniform issues have now been resolved and are in order. Should you wish to purchase any further items please visit: Andy Blair School wear 88 -90 Barker Butts Lane, Coundon. The children look very smart with their School blazers and many positive comments have been made by some of our visitors last week. Thank you for your support and patience. It is much appreciated.

School transport

In response to some feedback given to us by parents we have addressed concerns where they have been raised regarding issues. We hope that all parents using the travel plan will support us in ensuring that all children are safe on the bus and abide by the guidelines. Where the numbers of children are high on buses and coaches—we must all act more cautiously and co-operatively to work together. The children's safety is first and foremost to us and we endeavour to take every action to ensure that our pupils are safe, therefore please do feedback any concerns that you have. On another note, it has been brought to our attention by the coach driver that the behaviour of the children has been undesirable and children have been shouting and refusing to listen. We have addressed this in school but would appreciate your support in the matter. Thank you!

Children in Need

We will be supporting the very good work of Children in Need on Friday 14th November by having a "wear your pyjamas to School day" - please donate £1.00 for this charity who provide grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged. Children in need support small and large organisations which empower children and extend their life choices. As mentioned on page 1, we will be holding a cake sale on Friday. If you wish to donate cakes please could you either send them in with your child or drop them into school before Friday. Any donations will be gratefully received, although we must insist that all cakes are egg free, nut free and coco (chocolate) free. We also have gluten free diets that we accommodate, so those would be appreciated too!

As we have a number of fundraising activities going on, on Friday and are raising money for this event. Please would you send in £1.00 for wearing pyjamas, 10p for learning the table, 10p for taking part in penalty shoot out, any coin to stick onto Pudsey bear and cakes will be on sale for 20p each. Let's hope Seva School can raise lots of money for this event!

