

# Wardley CE Primary School To all things'

# 'With God's love we can do all things' Newsletter

## Autumn Term Dates

#### **NOVEMBER**

11.11.24: Remembrance Day Worship in school.

11.11.24: National Anti-Bullying Week.

12.11.24: Odd Socks Day.

12.11.24: B-Tales Anti-Bullying workshops for the junior

classes.

14.11.24: School individual photographs.

15.11.24: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.

16.11.24: The school choir open the All Saints Church

Christmas Fair at 11am.

18.11.24: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.

26.11.24: Nursery class visit to Swinton library.

27.11.24: Y5 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

#### **DECEMBER**

09.12.24: KS1 Christmas Shows. Y1 – 9am. Y2 – 2.40pm.

10.12.24: EYFS Christmas Shows. NUR – 9am. REC – 2.40pm.

11.12.24: Lower KS2 Christmas Shows. Y3 - 9am. Y4 -

2.40pm.

12.12.24: Upper KS2 Christmas Shows. Y6 – 9am. Y5 –

2.40pm.

13.12.24: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch.

16.12.24: Infant/EYFS Christmas party.

18.12.24: Junior Christmas party.

19.12.24: Christmas Panto in school.

19.12.24: School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm.

**JANUARY** 06.01.25: Back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

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Next week is anti-bullying week - this is a national campaign that we support every year. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect.' We will be doing lots of work in school over the week on this idea and will be thinking about how we can do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. To support this, we will have an antibullying performance from The B Tales Christian theatre group next Wednesday for all the KS2 junior classes. We will also be having an odd socks day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to support our antibullying week activities. All the children are invited to come to school in odd socks – the brighter the better! The aim is to show how it is good to be different and how we should respect and celebrate those things that makes each of us unique. Our Y6 school council members will also be talking to the classes about bullying and carrying out a pupil safety survey to see how our children feel. They will publish their results in their termly school council newsletter.

In the classroom this week ..... In Nursery this week, we have been learning about the artistic technique 'Pointillism' and looking at artwork by the artists Georges-Pierre Seurat and Paul Signac. We created our own pieces of artwork using this technique. We then presented them in a 'Nursery Art Gallery' in the hall on Friday. Reception this week have been looking at the story The Squirrels who Squabbled. We have been exploring; that animals store food at certain times of the year for hibernation and that sometimes our friend's squabble. Each child has made a bird feeder out of lard, gelatine and bird seed for you to put outside in the winter months to feed the wildlife that do not hibernate. We would love you to share pictures of where you have put them. Pictures can be emailed to kelly.byrne@wardleyce.com

#### Weekly Updates... Bikes and scooters on the school grounds

We are delighted to see that our school bike shelter with children coming to school on either their bike or a scooter. However, we do ask that the children do not ride their bikes or scooters on the staff car park for safety reasons. Also, please ensure that your children do not try and play with the bikes or scooters of other children that have been left in the shelter. Thank you for your help with this.

#### **Wellbeing Champions**

This week Ms Mitchell, our school wellbeing leader, met with our six pupil Wellbeing Champions. These young leaders are on a mission to make our school an even happier and healthier place to be.

She says that during the meeting, they delved into what it truly means to be a Wellbeing Champion. They discussed the importance of creating an environment where everyone feels valued, supported and enthusiastic about their school life. It was heartening to see their enthusiasm and commitment to making positive changes within our school community. The team have already created a fantastic initiative that they are eager to implement. Although we're keeping the details under wraps for now, rest assured that exciting plans are in the works.

Over the coming weeks, Ms Mitchell and our Wellbeing Champions will share more about this wonderful idea and how it will enhance the wellbeing of our pupils and staff. It's an exciting time as we work collaboratively together and embark on this journey of making our school a place where happiness and health go hand in hand!

#### **Harvest Appeal**

We received a lovely email this week from the staff at the Salford Foodbank thanking us for all the harvest donations that our school sent to them. In total we collected a 111kg of food donations – which is fantastic for a small school like us! The email said, 'I just wanted to share our huge thanks and gratitude for your school's involvement in our Salford Foodbank Harvest Appeal. Thanks to all your pupils, their families and all your fellow colleagues for their generous donations. In total local schools and churches helped to donate over 3.4 tonnes of food to Salford Foodbank through the Harvest Appeal. All of these items have been taken to our warehouse in Media City where they are sorted by our teams of dedicated volunteers, and packed into food parcels ready to be distributed to families across Salford. The families we support are struggling or in crisis, and just can't afford the essentials they need to get by. We offer a warm and friendly welcome, food and toiletries, as well as advice and support to help maximise their income. We couldn't do this without the generous donations from our local community, so thank you.'

#### Children In Need

Another good cause that we get behind each year is Children In Need. Once again, we will have a special non-uniform fund-raising day for the charity on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The children are invited to come to school in their own clothes for the day in return for a donation to this good cause through the School Spider App. We also have a wonderful Pudsey Bear that we will be the prize in a special Children in Need raffle. He was very kindly donated to school by Mrs Mayo, one of our school governors. Raffle tickets are priced at £1.00 and can be bought on the School Spider App. The draw will close at 9.00am on our non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November and we will draw the winner during assembly. Good luck, and thank you so much for helping us support this great cause!

### Reminders from the office .....

- It will be week 2 on the dinner menu
- The photographer will be in school on Thursday. If you would like siblings photographed together or plan to bring younger children to school at 8:40, please complete the form on the School Spider app.

## Our Christian values and thoughtful time .....

#### **Home Worship Books**

We had lots of children bringing in their home worship books to share in school this week. It was lovely to see so many children bringing their books to share with everyone, we had eighteen children taking part. There were thoughts on lots of different subjects including the Christian value of courage that we have been looking at in our collective worship this half-term. This week, our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) was awarded to Rosebud from Y3 for all her wonderful home worship work.

#### All Saints Church Christmas Fair - Saturday 16.11.24.

Our school choir will open the All Saints Church Christmas Fair at 11am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Come along to support the Church and listen to the children sing some festive carols.