



# NEWSLETTER



TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

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## POPPIES IN SCHOOL FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY



During next week we will be using our assembly times and class discussions to explain to children about Remembrance Day and the reason why we support the Poppy Appeal in school. We tell the children a little about the First and Second World Wars and about how their poppy money helps the forces personnel of today (and their families) to cope with their lives as the result of injury sustained in service. Children (and/or their family members) may wish to wear a poppy as a sign that they have helped others by donating money to the appeal as well as in remembrance of the deeds done during the less peaceful times in our history. Poppies will be available in school for the rest of this week and until Tuesday next week so that children (and adults) can make their donations and wear their poppies. We suggest a minimum donation of 10p per poppy and would really appreciate any money sent into school for this purpose being sent in a named purse or envelope please. Thank you.



## CELEBRATING BONFIRE NIGHT



In assembly today the children learned about The Gunpowder Plot. We thought that you might like to be reminded of the story and the reason for the rhyme too.

Guy Fawkes and his collaborators were a group of Catholic friends who tried to rid the country of the Protestant King James 1st by attempting to blow up the House of Lords. Guy Fawkes was discovered in the cellars with 36 large barrels of gunpowder and explosives after the authorities were alerted by an anonymous

letter sent to William Parker warning him not to be in the House of Lords on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. There is a belief that Guy Fawkes sent the letter to warn William, who was related to him. At their trial on 27 January 1606, eight of the plotters, including Fawkes, were convicted and sentenced to death. King James ordered that there be an annual reminder of what happened to the plotters and so burning the guy became a tradition and the rhyme served to reinforce this too.

*Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November,  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.  
I see no reason  
Why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.*

We hope that you all enjoyed or will enjoy a safe and happy time if you went to, or are going to go to, a fireworks display.

## SENSIBLE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR THANKS



Thank you for sending your child to school in appropriate outer clothing. The autumn continues to be mild and sunny although this morning was the first morning of real autumn weather. This may be heralding a change for us all weather wise (which I think is a shame!) so children will really need their lovely warm clothing in the colder months ahead of us.



Thank you also for ensuring that your child has sensible footwear that does up securely with good gripping soles. This minimises the risk of losing shoes, twisting ankles or of slipping, tripping and hurting when children are running and climbing at these outdoor times. Thank you.

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to you all for supporting the children at our two recent Harvest Celebrations. The children love their grown-ups being with them on such occasions so thank you for making the time to be there. We know it can be hard to arrange at times especially if you are working and I know that those of you who can't be there always wish that you could. Thank you also for your kind donations of groceries & cleaning products for The Daylight Centre. They received them all very gratefully and wish me to pass on their heartfelt thanks to you all. Thank you. Thanks also go to those of you who gave so generously towards the retiring collection at the Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Celebration at The Everyday Champions Church. The total raised for Cancer Research came to £100. Thank you so much.



## DIWALI

Year 2 presented a Diwali assembly at the end of last term. The readers read clearly and confidently about Diwali and the actors were brilliant and entertained us extremely well.

Thank you to all our Diwali actors and readers (Viththaky, Hir, Benjamin, Maya, Yashvi, Dhyan, Kishan, Aryan and Freddy) and thank you to Mrs Savani and Miss Cotter for organising and taking part in the assembly. We all hope that our Hindu families enjoyed their Diwali celebrations. Belated Diwali wishes to you all for a Happy New Year.



The Diwali readers and actors – 2 readers, the king, the wicked queen, Sita, Rama, Lakshman Hanuman and Ravana.

## FINALLY

*The children have returned to school looking fit and well after their week-long break from school. I think that the rest has done them good. They have lots of learning fun in class to look forward to this term. We are introducing a new handwriting scheme called Kinetic Letters. We hope that the physical exercises and the fun activities will encourage each child to develop greater writing control and better presentation skills.*

*Best wishes to you all from all the Avenue staff*

## DATES FOR DIARIES

### AUTUMN 2 (TERM 2) 2014



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| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November             | ~ School closed to pupils for staff training          |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November            | ~ School opens to pupils for Autumn Term 2            |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 3.30   | ~ FOTAS Christmas Fayre                               |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December at 1.45 | ~ Christmas Celebration at the United Reformed Church |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December            | ~ Christmas Activity Day                              |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December            | ~ School closes for 2 weeks                           |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2015         | ~ School closed for staff training                    |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2015        | ~ School opens to pupils                              |

