



# NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome back....

It was lovely to see all the children back this week, looking refreshed after their break. I know the teachers have some fantastic learning planned for this term with Reception looking at well-known stories in their 'Tell Me a Story' theme, Year 1 children are becoming Superheroes and the Year 2's finding out about some awesome Inventions.

## Keeping up-to-date

Welcome to our first emailed newsletter. Thank you to all of you who have provided us with an email address. For you, from now on, most newsletters will be emailed to you. Any reply slips will also be available in paper format from the school office if required. We hope you will find this system more reliable than 'pupil post'.

Don't forget to like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter for regular updates and reminders.



## Thank you

Thank you all for your support of our Harvest celebrations. I know how much the children appreciated those of you who were able to attend. Didn't they perform brilliantly? This is a testament to their hard work and that of the staff to prepare for the celebrations! The Daylight Centre were very grateful for the food donations, retiring collection from the Year 1 and 2 Harvest celebration and the beautiful wheatsheaf (kindly donated by Tesco). I know the contributions will make a huge difference to the charity and the people they support. Thank you.

## Getting involved...

This is a busy term and we hope to give you many opportunities to get involved in school life. Class teachers will send out an overview of the learning taking place over the term as well as **homework** options for the children to choose from. Your support with this is very much appreciated and the children are always so proud to show their hard work at school. Thank you also for supporting the **10 minute daily reading pledge**- this makes such a difference to your child's reading skills and their love of reading and learning. Completing the **reading challenges** with your child helps them to earn special certificates which are presented in celebration assemblies.

Later this term you will be invited to an **Open Afternoon** where your child can show you all their hard work so far this year. This will be combined with a taster session with our caterers, Kingswood.

Before the end of November you will be invited to join your child in school for a **Christmas craft session** where you can help them create Christmas decorations for school.

More **parent workshops** will be offered this term- including Maths and e-safety. Please look out for more information on these following shortly.

Thank you to those parents who supported us walking to Everyday Champions Church for our Harvest celebration- this help enabled us to make the journey and road crossings more safe. There are often requests for assistance when we take the children out of school, for example the upcoming Year 2 visit to the Hindu temple, and any help is much appreciated.

# FOTAS

## Friends of The Avenue School

FOTAS will be meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm to start planning and organising fundraising events to support the school. If you would like to help in any way, big or small, please contact the school or come along to the meeting. Help can range from organising a specific event, spending a few minutes helping set up / pack away or supervising an event for a short time (for example, manning a stall at the school Christmas fayre). If you would like to attend the planning meetings please get in touch...."Many hands make light work". Thank you.



## Remembrance 2015



Over the next couple of weeks poppies will be available to buy in school for a contribution to the Royal British Legion. Children can bring in their donations in an envelope and pay our Year 2 poppy sellers who will visit the classrooms each day. Poppies can also be purchased from the school office.



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting BBC Children in Need by dressing as a hero for the day in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.

Additionally after school there will be a cake stall, run by FOTAS, 3.15pm. Please bring cake donations in to school on the day.

### Dates for your diary

Year 2 visit to Hindu temple	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need- dress up day for £1 donation, cake sale after school	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Open afternoon for parents- come and see your child's work (including Kingswood taster session) 2.30pm	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Kingswood taster session for parents 3.15pm	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Reception Christmas Craft with parents	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Year 2 Christmas Craft with parents	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 1 Christmas Craft with parents	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
Flu vaccine for Year 1 and 2 pupils	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Kingwood Christmas lunch	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
FOTAS School Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Celebration at the United Reformed Church	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
School closes	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

*Finally....*

*As you can see there is lots going on this term. We look forward to working with you and seeing the children learning and growing each day. Please remember to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.*

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

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