

*Developing deep roots to grow the strongest trees.*

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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parent and carers,

We have had a lovely first week back in school after the half term break. The children are showing great interest in the new learning in each subject and are already showing how much new knowledge they are remembering. I have been especially impressed with their recall of their new key texts in English - The Little Red Hen for Reception, Super Daisy for Year 1 and The Mango that Spoke for Year 2.

Please take the time to read the details below, outlining information and events for this term.



#### Remembrance Day poppies:

Remembrance Day poppies are available in school. If your child would like a poppy, please send in their donation (in a named envelope) for the Royal British Legion so they can get a poppy when the Year 2 helpers visit their class with the poppies and collection box. Thank you

#### Pupil's belongings:

We have been shocked at the amount of lost property that has accumulated in the school over the last couple of months. We are working hard to encourage the children to be responsible for their own things but this is very difficult when items are unnamed. **PLEASE ensure clothes, coats, drink bottles, book bags are ALL clearly named and that this is regularly checked as names can wash away / fall off.** This would really help children look after their belongings and reduce lost items. Thank you

#### Christmas Craft sessions

We are delighted we will be offering our Christmas Craft sessions in year groups toward the end of November. On these days, parents / carers are invited to join their child to make some Christmas crafts to decorate the school for December. More details will be sent nearer the time but dates are listed at the end of this letter and please note we do not have sufficient space to accommodate siblings at these events.

#### Christmas Celebration

At the end of term we will also be inviting families to join our Christmas celebration at the United Reformed Church when we tell the story of the first Christmas through songs and narration. More information to follow.

#### Homework

We hope some of you are enjoying the additional homework options offered by EdShed games, Spelling Shed and Maths Shed. The teachers are setting some optional assignment tasks as well as some inter-class competitions which we hope the children will love. Please remember these are optional. We ask parents to always prioritise reading at home, hearing your child read their reading book, or own choice, at least 4 times a week. Wherever possible, please log these reads in their school Reading record so we can celebrate your child's home reading with them.

## Parking

Please can I, once again, remind everyone that we all need to park / drive around school with consideration of residents, other road users and pedestrians. We all want our school locality to be as safe as possible for our children. Our zig zag road markings have been repainted indicating no parking / dropping off in this area. Please can I ask that disabled bays are not used unless you have a blue disability badge. If you see unsafe driving / parking this can be reported to the Community Police team. Thank you for your support with this.



We are looking forward to the busy term ahead. Thank you, as ever, for your on-going support. Please do chat to a member of staff if you have any questions or worries, we are always happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

*Helen Morrall*

Headteacher

## **The Avenue Infant School**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- AUTUMN 2 2023**

EVENT	DATE
Individual photos	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 2 Family Reading	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 8.50 - 9.10am
Anti-bullying Week	Week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 1 Family Reading	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 8.50 - 9.10am
Children In Need	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Virtual Book Fair	20 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Reception Family Reading	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 8.50 - 9.10am
Year 1 Christmas Craft session - parents invited	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm
Year 2 Christmas Craft session - parents invited	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm
Reception Christmas Craft session - parents invited	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm
Year 2 Family Reading	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 8.50 - 9.10am
Mufti day in exchange for a Christmas Raffle prize	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Flu vaccinations in school - R-Y2	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Kingswood Christmas Lunch	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 1 Family Reading	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 8.50 - 9.10am
School trip to pantomime at The Castle	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December pm
Rock Steady Concert	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am
Christmas Celebration- at the United Reformed Church	Date tbc
FOTAS Christmas Raffle draw	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm
School closes for Christmas holidays	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm