



## Newsletter 10

13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

**Happy Friday.....** I am really looking forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 17th for our vision meeting. As previously mentioned, I will be running the same presentation twice, once from 2pm to 3pm, and again from 6pm to 7pm. I really hope you can make it, but if you aren't able to, I will make the slides I use available on the website.

On Monday, Reverend Philip led us in a reflective Remembrance-themed Collective Worship which included one of the hand-made wreaths from church being presented by children at the front of the hall. As always, Philip's words were thought-provoking but carefully chosen, so that children from Year 1 to Year 6 could engage with the message at an appropriate level. On Wednesday we revisited this with a two minute silence at 11.00. Phase 2 stood out on the playground and we heard the maroons in the city centre mark the start and end of the silence. Phase 1 children observed the silence in their classrooms and our Year 2 children went to St Stephen's Church and laid their hand made poppy wreaths at the Altar. Our children, as always, rose to the occasion and it was a respectful and moving moment.



**ParentPay.....**If you have not already signed up to ParentPay online, we need you to do this as a matter of urgency please, as over the next week or so this will be our main method of communication. If you do not have your activation letter, please contact the office and we will issue another one.

A big Thank you to everyone who has already signed up, we are really grateful for your support during this transition period. May we also take this opportunity to clarify a point about text messages. When you register with ParentPay you have the option to request text alerts and/or email alerts for balance reminders, trip notifications etc. If you request text alerts you will be charged for each text. If you request email alerts however, there is no charge. **You will not be charged for any texts that the School sends you directly as these are different to optional text alerts sent from ParentPay.**

**Photographs.....**Your child's photograph order form will be in your child's book bag tonight. To ensure the photos are back before the end of term, please return the order form and payment in the envelope provided by **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

After this date you will need to pay the late order charge of £4.00.

**Signing in at Reception.....** If you are coming into school for any reason other than at drop off or pick up times, please remember to come to Reception and sign in the visitors' book. Our Receptionist will issue you with a visitors badge to wear whilst you are on the school premises. Please do not help yourself to a badge as it is important that we issue them, so we are aware of who is on the premises.

Thank you for your understanding.



**Book Fair took £1,100.....** Thank you to all our book lovers who bought at the fair – we took over £1,100 which means children will enjoy £630 worth of new class books. See you in March!

**Anti-bullying Week.....** Just a reminder that next week is Anti-bullying week. All children will be doing some work on this in PPA sessions or in class and then on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November we will have a "Ring of Friendship" to show our joint agreement to beat bullying. We would like the children to come to school dressed in blue on this day as this is the colour theme for Anti-bullying week (we are not asking for a voluntary donation for this). Thank you for your continued support.

**PTA News..... PTA News**

**Textile Bank - closing for a while.....**

The textile recycling bank will not be accepting any more donations from now until further notice due to changes within the company we are using. We hope to resume the facility at some point, and will keep you posted.

**Bedtime Story....**

A huge thank you to Gilli Fereday and all the parents, teachers and helpers who made Bedtime Story so special for our children yesterday. It was really magical. Also thank you to Doreen, Miss Flynn's mum who made literally hundreds of cookies for the children to enjoy, a marathon baking session, amazing!

Have a great weekend

Angela

**Diary dates reminder.....**

**November**

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying week –

17<sup>th</sup> – Vision meetings 2 & 6pm

**Coming up in December**

5<sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas Fair 2 – 5pm

9<sup>th</sup> - Phase 1 Dress Rehearsal

10<sup>th</sup> Phase 1 Nativity Performances

AM parents of Forms 1,3 &5

PM parents of Forms 2,4 &6

11<sup>th</sup> - Phase 1 Nativity AM parents of forms 7 & 8 at 10 a.m.

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Week of Christmas parties

15<sup>th</sup> - Phase 2 Christmas Concert

6pm – 7 p.m. in Church

16<sup>th</sup> - Carols by Candlelight 6pm

17<sup>th</sup> – Carols on the Green

18th- End of Term Service 9.45am

18<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

**Netball Club.....** Please note that there will be an extra 15 minutes each Friday for the next 4 weeks in lieu of the session that was missed last week.

**Lost Property.....** Once again Mrs Darch is drowning under a sea of lost property in the Yellow Room!

If you think something may belong to your child, please pop along to the Yellow Room after 3.20pm any day to have a look through the box.

