



Newsletter

November 2020
(Second Edition)

Safety

This half term's value is 'Safety'. The children have discussed what they think 'safety' means and how it relates to their lives in and out of school. Postcards home and other school rewards will focus on this value throughout the rest of the term.



I would also like to remind you that children can still share any achievements they have outside of school with us in Monday's Achievement assembly.



Attendance

Well done to the following classes for their brilliant attendance so far this half term:

Week 1 (2.11.20—6.11.20) Mr Palin 97.67%
Week 2 (9.11.20—13.11.20) Miss Griffiths 98.14%
Week 3 (16.11.20—20.11.20) Mrs Mann 98.20%

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Billy Bear

Last week Billy Bear made a visit to each classroom to remind the children that they can email him or drop a message in the 'Billy Bear' boxes allocated around the school. They can tell him about any worry they have, including if they think they are being bullied. Billy checks his messages every day.



Covid Safe Inspection

On Monday 9th November the school had a Covid Safe Inspection. This involved having a visit from Rachel Pargeter CMFOH HM Specialist Inspector of Health and Safety. Rachel inspected six areas:

- * Risk assessment
- * Management Arrangements
- * Social distancing
- * Hygiene and cleaning
- * Ventilation
- * Dealing with suspected cases of COVID 19

The school had immediate feedback and we are pleased to say that it was concluded that the school is Covid Safe. Verbal and written feedback was given and included, "I was impressed by the 'Full opening of school framework document.' These arrangements were validated during the inspection and I'm pleased to say that in my opinion all key areas were considered compliant."

We Remembered

Thank you to the parents who contacted the school to say how lovely the messages were on the poppies that were allocated around the local area. We even had a few phone calls from local residents to say they had walked round to find the poppies and to read them.

On November 11th all staff and children stood outside to mark the two minute silence at 11'0'Clock. We played the Last Post and the silence reflected the respect we have across the school.



Anti Bullying Week

As part of our Personal Development and Citizenship curriculum and our continued efforts to develop all children's social, emotional and behavioural skills, the children have taken part in Anti-bullying week this week. The afternoon lessons coincided with this, where we sent out a clear message that bullying was neither acceptable nor inevitable in our school community.

To begin Anti-bullying week the children took part in 'Odd Socks Day.' For this they were invited to wear odd socks. It was an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes them unique! Why follow the trend when you can stand out just by being you?

All classes were asked to sign an anti-bullying charter to show that they agree bullying will not be tolerated and that they will work together to ensure bullying is stopped. Some of the activities each class completed include:



Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2):

- Defining bullying
- Designing odd socks
- Discussing groups of people we know who can support us if we are feeling low or worrying about negative comments

Year 3 and 4:

- Defining bullying
- Discussing our emotions and how negative behaviours make us feel
- Writing positive and kind words to others so that they know they are special

Year 5 and 6:

- Defining bullying

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Miss Lartham and her partner on the expected arrival of their second daughter due in April. We are all so happy for you. More information will follow in due course.

