



## Roade Primary School Newsletter 6

Friday 17th November 2023

### Remembrance

On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> November, the Royal British Legion joined Year 5 to talk about Remembrance and why it is important. After break, Years 1-6 gathered on the playground and were joined by Scout Leaders who chose a representative from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to carry their Standards.

Led by The Royal British Legion Standard, the children walked smartly and gathered on Memorial Green.

Mrs Currell, and Mr McCafferty from the Royal British Legion, led a short service during which the pupils immaculately observed the 2-minute silence at 11am. Following this the Class Council representatives laid a red rose on behalf of each class on the War Memorial and planted a Wooden Cross in front of it.

The children's behaviour was impeccable. They made us very proud.



## A message from the Headteacher



Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter.

It has been yet another couple of busy weeks in school with the children taking part in a Remembrance service, various sporting fixtures and Children in Need.

They also really enjoyed the experience of having a photographer in school taking some excellent promotional shots of all the exciting activities we have available. Our new-look school website will be up and running soon, which we are very excited to share with you all.

Finally, this week we started our first after school clubs. The children have loved taking part in musical theatre, reading stories, coding and Christmas crafts. More information will be shared with you in the coming weeks about additional after school clubs which will run in the spring term.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Michel



### Stars of the Week

There have been another two Celebration Assemblies. I have especially enjoyed visiting reception for their own special celebration assembly. Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week for the last two weeks:

**Billy, Ronnie, Charlotte, Parker, Rebecca, Junior, Alex, Isaac, Toby, Aubrey, Laia, Rebecca, Edie, Harrison, Zakariyya, Poppy Jo, Corey, Chase, Isaac, Emily, Lyla, Luke, Oscar B, Kian, Ethan and Rory.**



## Upcoming dates

Please keep an eye out for Parent Mail with further details about each event

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Family Reading Session 8.50am

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – PCSO visit to school to speak to the children about road safety and stranger danger

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Neil Griffiths Reading workshops for children 1-2pm and Parent Workshop 2-3pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 Christmas Singing Concert 2.30pm and 5.30pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Book Fayre in Music Studio

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 Christmas Singing Concert 2.30pm and 5.30pm

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Dolce Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Nativity 9.30am and 2.20pm.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols in the Playground years 3-6.



Thank you so much to all our families who have been so supportive about our new attendance policy and procedures.

I wanted to clarify a misprint in the FAQs section of the attendance information which was sent home.

As we have communicated previously, we strongly advise against any holidays being taken during term times. Any holidays taken will be recorded as unauthorised and the council may issue fines if these go ahead. In our paperwork it said that fines may be issued if the holiday is 10 days or more. However, this was meant to say **10 sessions** or more. In schools, two sessions are recorded per day (morning and afternoon). **Therefore, you may be issued a fine if you choose to take a holiday that it 5 days or more.** This is standard practice across all schools.

If you would like any further information on this, please visit: <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/penalty-notice-for-non-school-attendance.aspx>

Please scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Further Penalty Information' for full details.

### **Attendance figures for this week:**

Whole school attendance to date – 95.4%

Whole school attendance for the last 2 weeks – 95.3%

Highest attendance for the last 2 weeks: Year 3 – 97.7%



## Family Book Bonanza

Don't forget that on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** we are opening our school doors for our families to enjoy reading some stories together. This will run between 8.50am until 9.15am.

If you have more than one child in the school, please start with your oldest child and they will escort you to their sibling's class when you are ready.

# November sporting achievements

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We have had a busy month with sporting events, and it's been fantastic to see the children really applying themselves and representing the school fantastically well!

We started November off with a bang with our district New Age Kurling event held at Sponne School in Towcester. 18 schools in total were at the event and we managed to get our 2 teams to a 5<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish (losing the final by just one stone).

Next up was the Small School's Football Tournament, which was held at Daventry Sports Park. 15 schools were competing at the tournament and the boys finished an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place - just missing out on 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 1 point and only lost 2 games all day; a really great effort!

Lastly, we had another boys' football tournament at EWS, and they say things come in three's so after a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, we finally landed a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at this tournament! The boys played some magnificent football on the night and were deserved winners of the tournament. Once again, I have been left feeling super proud of the performances and behaviour of the children who represented the school superbly well.

Coach Kev



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# Staffing Changes

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We have some staff changes taking place from January. As you will have read in my recent letter, Mrs Currell is leaving the school at the end of the term after 28 years. I know you will all join me in thanking her for her dedication to the school; she will certainly be missed!

Alongside this, a letter has also been sent to the parents in Mr Wilson's class as he will also be leaving at the end of the term. Mr Wilson has decided to begin a career away from education. He has worked at the school for the last 6 years and I know how much the children have really enjoyed being in his class.

Finally, parents in 4TF have been informed that Mrs Finch will be moving from the job share with Mr Taylor in year 4 and will be taking over from Mr Wilson full time in year 2.

We appreciate that any change can be unsettling, but please rest assured that we are working hard to ensure our recruitment processes are robust and that transitions are as smooth as possible.



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## Reading Workshop

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
December  
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We are delighted to announce that award winning children's author **Neil Griffiths** will be visiting our school. This will be a rare opportunity for our children to experience a wonderful storyteller with an international reputation for entertaining and inspiring children all over the world.

Neil will be visiting on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. He will run an hour's highly interactive storytelling session for the whole school from 1-2pm.

We would then like to invite parents into school for workshop exploring storytelling techniques and supporting reading at home. This will take place between 2 – 3pm in the hall. We will be offering a creche within our EYFS provision for pre-school aged children; however, numbers will be limited. We will send out information next week about how to sign up for a space.

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