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Our Value of the Month for November is **FRIENDSHIP**



Newsletter – November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good Luck to Mrs Parks 🙌

Mrs Parks will be moving to another school in January 2018 after a successful interview at the end of last half term. She will be taking up the post of deputy headteacher at Sacriston Primary School and will be part of the senior management team who are supporting this school. We are very proud of Mrs Parks on achieving her promotion but as you can imagine she will be a big miss to us as she has worked so hard and been such a fantastic deputy in our school. We will be advertising for a new deputy headteacher in the new year and will let you know when we have more news on that appointment. In the meantime Miss Watson will be working with Mrs Parks leading up to Christmas, to ensure a smooth handover, as we plan to have a mixed Year 1 & 2 class until we appoint our new deputy.

Parents' Evening

Autumn term Parents' Evenings are on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th November. A letter will be coming out this week so you can arrange an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Remembrance Day Poppies on Sale 🌺

This week we will be selling poppies to mark Remembrance Day on Saturday 11th November and all donations are appreciated. Members of the School Council will be selling them and all donations go to the British Legion.

Maternity Leave

Mrs Storey will begin her maternity leave at the end of November. We wish her all the very best and we will let you have more news when we hear it. Her baby is due at the start of January so we wish Mrs Storey a restful few weeks leading up to Christmas. Mr Colling will be covering Mrs Storey's maternity leave and we look forward to welcoming him at the end of November.

Nursery Rhyme Week 🎵

Children in Reception and Nursery are in for a treat this half term. We have a member of staff from Music Bugs in during Nursery Rhyme week in November. She will be working with groups of children to bring nursery rhymes to life through song and performance.

Blue Team Winners 🏆

Well done to Blue Team who achieved the highest overall total of stars last half term. The team were rewarded with a non-uniform day on the last day. Good luck to our four teams for this half term. We look forward to seeing who wins the non-uniform day.

Anti-Bullying Week 13th to 17th November



The theme for this year is 'All Different, All Equal' where the Anti-Bullying alliance hope to promote equality and difference. We will be supporting this campaign on the week beginning Monday 13th November with a range of activities focusing on the theme of bullying.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November



School Council have met with Miss Watson and have been discussing Children in Need. As always we will be supporting this important cause. We hope that all children dress up for the day in non-uniform or even fancy dress on Friday 17th November. This will mark the end of our Anti-Bullying week. Donations are warmly welcomed.

Supporting Local Projects



We aim to support our local community and one of the ways we do this is by gathering donations for the Food Bank. If you have any spare dried goods (i.e. pasta or rice) or any tins of food then we would be pleased to accept them and pass them onto this local service. Food can be brought in at any time leading up to Christmas.

Class Assembly



Many thanks to Mrs Parks and Year 2 for a fabulous class assembly last half term. The children showed off their many talents when they presented and sang. They made an excellent team and worked extremely well together to produce a lively and entertaining assembly. Our next class assembly will be performed by Year 4/5 and a date will follow as this will be in the new year. We look forward to inviting parents/carers of Year4/5 children along to that.

Christmas Performances



Christmas is fast approaching now and we have organised the dates for our Christmas shows as follows:
Grandparent performance – Monday 18th December at 1.30pm (please note we record this performance and DVDs of both performances can be purchased from school)

Infant performance – Tuesday 19th December at 9.15pm

Junior performance – Wednesday 20th December at 9.15pm

Letters with more information and tickets will follow closer to the time.

Also a reminder for our annual Christmas fair which is on Thursday 7th December 3-5pm.

Christmas lunch



Each year we like to invite one family member in to share a Christmas lunch with their child(ren). The dates for this are as follows:

Infant lunch (with Junior siblings) – Tuesday 19th December

Junior lunch – Wednesday 20th December

A letter will follow in due course. In order to ensure that every child can have an adult with them we can only allow one adult per family. By doing this we can continue to offer a family Christmas lunch even with our growing pupil numbers. Your understanding with this is appreciated.

School will be closed on Friday 24th November for our staff training day – we re-open as normal on Monday 27th November 2017

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon