

Welcome back to school after a well-earned rest. The children and staff are excitedly looking forward to Christmas and the most wondrous time in a primary school!

This week, our things to watch out for':

- This Friday is 'DRESS LIKE AN ALIEN DAY' at school. The children's writing genre this week is Sci-Fi and to raise enthusiasm for writing, the final writing day this week will culminate in children coming to school dressed as weird aliens. Please note that the day is not for football kits or witches' costumes. It is a focus on outer space or Sci-Fi. If children don't want to dress up, they can sculpt their hair in any weird and wonderful style they wish... The weirder the better!
- 2. Next Monday the school will observe a Remembrance moment for our fallen soldiers. A special assembly will be held to honour those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.
- 3. On Wednesday the 13th our lucky Year 3 children will be heading off to Butser Ancient Farm where they will learn all about farming and life in the past. Have fun and enjoy!
- 4. Next week Tuesday is 'Odd Socks Day' to stand up to bullies. Please send your children into school with odd socks to raise awareness and help us all stand up to bullies.

Many of our children receive additional support at school for a multitude of different reasons. These range from minor SEN, SEN Support to children with EHCP's. The school is rightly proud of the broad range of support that we offer the children, it is definitely best practice and sets us apart. If you believe that your child may benefit, please contact your class teacher to discuss. Teachers are vigilant and working with parents, we have many children benefitting.

We currently offer support classes and groups for the following: Sensory Circuits, Listening and Memory skills, 1-1 Reading, Speech and Language Support, Autism-Bucket List, Processing Skills, Everstart, Writing/Maths Support Groups, Doves, Elsa, Thrive, Nurture Breakfast, Drawing for Talking, and Think Bricks.

We like to look after our parents as well as our children. We have many parents who feel like they are struggling alone and finding a support network is so difficult, especially if you or your child has SEN needs. Working with Parents-Carers-Together, an afternoon at school has been arranged to create a safe space for parents to talk and establish a support network. Please watch out for further details.

I hope that you all have a lovely week, the weather certainly is starting to feel very Christmassy and we have a nip in the air. Our school works hard to maintain an open door policy, please make use of this to pop in and have a chat if you have any issues or concerns.

Kind regards

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