



KEY DATES

OCTOBER

31st

School Resumes

NOVEMBER

21st

Anti-bullying assemblies

26th

PFA Christmas Parties

DECEMBER

2nd

3:45pm

PFA Christmas Bazaar

5th

Forms R - VI

Christmas Lunch

6th

2:15pm

St Michael's Church

Forms R - VI

Carol Service

7th

Pre-Prep Parties

8th

Form R - II

Infant Parties

9th

12 Noon

End of Term

(THERE WILL BE NO
AFTER-SCHOOL CARE
PROVISION)

JANUARY

3rd

Inset Day

4th

School Resumes

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the penultimate Newsletter of the term. I cannot believe that we are moving full-throttle towards Christmas. The Nativity rehearsals are in full swing and the Choir are beginning to learn songs for the Carol Service at the church.

We are however mindful of the message of Christmas and that it is the giving and not the receiving that is important. I am pleased to say our Charity Prefect, Enitan, has organised a shoebox collection for Samaritan's Purse. All the children are currently resplendent in spots and stripes for Children in Need. We remain committed to our pupils being aware that they have so many blessings in life and that there are many others who are not so fortunate. As is our tradition, we also support the Poppy Appeal, and the children spend time reflecting on the sacrifices made for the freedoms we now have.

On a different topic, may I please remind you about the need for the children to be wearing the correct uniform at all times. The woolly hats are for the playground only and should not be worn as a substitute for the caps and felt hats. Only school scarves and plain black, grey or navy gloves should be worn. All children should have their tracksuits for PE/Games days. In addition, girls with pierced ears must have them removed **OR** be able to remove them on PE days. No-one needs to have ears taped up for weeks. Thank you for your attention.

Mrs S-J Gooding

Drama Production

The scripts have been adapted, the auditions have been held and the parts have been assigned! Now the real hard work begins as the cast and crew prepare for the production of The Wizard of Oz. Hopefully the children who didn't get the parts they wanted will realise that not everyone can have a leading role, and productions aren't made of leading parts alone! Every cast member has an important role to play and while they may not have got the part they really wanted, they should give the part they do have 100% in terms of effort and commitment to make it a great show. We can't wait to see it!



Remembrance Day

The children prepared for Remembrance Day during History lessons and assembly time where they learnt about the people who fought and lost their lives for our freedom. During the silence on 11th November, they reflected on how the service and sacrifices of those people has impacted on their lives today.



Fireworks Pictures - Pre-Prep & Form I

The children had a wonderful time using different mediums to create beautiful fireworks pictures.



Town Hall Trip - Form III

Form III had an enjoyable trip to the Town Hall on Tuesday 15th November. Miss Holt, Mrs Francis-Byrne and Mrs Gilbert accompanied the children as they walked very sensibly into town. They met the Lady Mayor and had a chance to ask any questions they had about local parliament while sitting in Chambers and using the microphones!



England V Spain - Trip to Wembley

Some of the children were lucky enough to go to the football match at Wembley on Tuesday evening. They travelled by train and cheered their loudest. Sadly, their presence wasn't a lucky charm for our team and the final result was a draw, but a great experience nonetheless. Many thanks to Mr Sturton for organising the trip and to Mr Ciftci and Mrs Ridley for accompanying the children on their late night adventure.



Children in Need

The children all dressed in their spots and stripes for today, with events organised by our Charity Prefect, Enitan in Form VI, including a cake sale, a lucky dip, a raffle and 'guess the celebrity'. We will let you know the total raised in due course.

