



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you for all your contributions to our Early Years fund, it is very much appreciated and will enable us use to provide your children with many additional, valuable learning experiences.

We have got a busy and exciting few weeks coming up in Early Years following half term. Although you will be getting letters with details regarding these upcoming events, we felt it would be useful for you to have them all in one place and all also let you know how we will be enhancing your children's curriculum with our Early Years fund.



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire Night

We will be swapping our 'Welly Wednesday' to Welly Thursday this week, although it doesn't have quite the same ring to it this change is so we can celebrate bonfire night with the children. The morning will be spent exploring bonfire night with a range of activities including making edible sparklers then in the afternoon we will be taking our usual welly walk but ending with hot dogs around our fire circle.



Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Children are invited to come to school dressed in red as part of Remembrance Day 2020. We will spend time with the children talking about why Remembrance Day is so important and the meaning behind it. Children will then have the opportunity to take part in poppy related activities as part of their learning that day. We will be asking for donations on this day to support the Poppy Appeal.



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Raid your wardrobes or get busy with the fabric paint! Today, as we do every year we will be raising money for Children in Need. We are asking children to come to school wearing something spotty. We will be decorating spotty biscuits and taking part in other fun, related activities. Again any donations for Children in Need will be gratefully received and passed on to the charity to support them in the wonderful work they do.



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Diwali

This is one of our favourite days of the year in Early Years, filled with wonderful activities and lots of learning, as we celebrate the Hindu and Sikh festival of light together. Over the day, the children will take part in many activities such as traditional food tasting, making rangoli patterns and clay divas. The children will also have the opportunity to have a small mehndi pattern on their hands and enjoy some traditional music. If you would like your child having a mehndi pattern on their hand please complete the appropriate consent form on Parent Pay. Without your permission we will not be able to use mehndi on your child. Children are invited to wear traditional dress or party clothes on this day as part of our celebrations. For your information the rest of the school will be celebrating Diwali on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

As you can see we have lots of great plans and will be very busy over the next few weeks! However, wouldn't be able to provide many of these activities for your children without your support and kind donations to our Early Years fund so for this again we would like to say how very grateful we are to you.

We will ask Mrs Fellows to upload some photographs to the website so you can see what we have been up to.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff or give us a ring.

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Thank you again

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