

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Half Term – as ever it has been lovely to see our children and families back and once again, we have been impressed with the way the children have settled straight back into their learning. Keep it up please!

**National Lockdown: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

As you are aware, the country is once again in lockdown but this time schools are remaining open. We are pleased with this decision as not only is it good for children's learning to be in school, but also being with their friends and in their normal routine is good for their mental health and well-being. As I looked around the playground this lunch time (Thursday), the image was smiling, happy, motivated young people laughing, chatting and playing in the bright but chilly Autumn sunshine, and it confirmed to me that they are in the best place!

Most of our arrangements have stayed the same but we have taken the decision that Nursery and Reception classes will not visit Forest School for the rest of this term. Hopefully we will be back using this amazing resource in January.

Otherwise, please follow the guidelines about drop-off and pick-up that I sent home on Wednesday:

**Lockdown Number 2: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Please remember to follow the Government Regulations for this lockdown:

- Parents/carers should wear face masks to drop off and collect their children
- Parents/ carers should stand 1 metre + apart in the queue outside school and also in the playground
- Adults may only speak to one other person not in their bubble in the playground
- Adults should leave the playground immediately after they have collected their children

Thank you again for your support.



**Congratulations to our Stars of the Week before Half Term-  
19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**



Class	Name
Nursery	Well done <b>Willow class</b> we are so excited about your space rocket, you have already started some fantastic learning about planets. We look forward to learning all about your new project. Keep up all of your hard work.
Kripali's R	<b>RAYAN</b> - For always being so enthusiastic about learning! You always use your language to share your thoughts and ideas - keep it up!
Stephanie's R	<b>ORSON</b> - For having a keen and positive attitude to learning and for being a really kind friend.
Laura's Year 1	<b>SERDAR</b> - For some super writing with great ideas and exciting adjectives - and for using really careful handwriting too! Well done!
Alexa's Y1	<b>NICOLE</b> - For marvellous maths! You are working so hard and improving every day. We are so proud of you!
Katie's Y2	<b>ANALISE</b> - For always putting 100 percent into your learning. You always strive to reach the highest standards and are such a joy to teach. Not only that but you are a great friend too. Well done!
Phoebe's Y2	<b>AAHIL</b> -For his excellent effort in maths this week. We have been so impressed with his focus and can do attitude! Keep it up!
Pippa's Y3	<b>LERON</b> - For your positive approach to all of your learning. You always try so hard and we love seeing you growing in confidence and the results of your hard work.
Joy's Y3	<b>SHEKINAH</b> - For being a friend to all.
Emma's Y4	<b>ZAYNAB</b> - For her amazing model of an Ancient Egyptian River Nile scene. She used real sand and this took her a long time to complete. Well done for your creativity and dedication!
Daisy's Y4	<b>ADNA</b> - For using a fantastic range of sentence starters during her English lesson with Rebecca.
Francesca's Y5	<b>MARIAM</b> - For trying so hard during all lessons and having a positive 'can do' attitude. We have been so impressed Mariam. Well done!
Becky's Y5	<b>AMIRAH</b> - For consistently being a wonderful role model in school by being an exceptionally kind friend and an incredibly hard worker.
Russell's Y6	<b>THE WHOLE CLASS</b> -For an outstanding and meaningful class assembly. You all spoke beautifully about a very serious topic and we were all so impressed.
Tim & Mary's Y6	<b>YUSRA</b> - For focusing in lessons and producing excellent learning as a result

## Attendance

Children are expected to attend every day during this lockdown as long as they are healthy and well. Therefore, please follow the usual procedures if your child has a normal childhood illness, or the Covid procedures if they have one of the three symptoms for Covid-19 – ie, a temperature, a new and continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell.

If your child is ill please inform the school office or email [info@apsafederation.com](mailto:info@apsafederation.com) each day that your child is absent from school

**We are impressed with the good attendance being maintained –the classes with the best attendance in each Key stage for last week are as follows:**



<b>Key Stage 1</b>	<b>Alexa's Y1 Class</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
<b>Key Stage 2</b>	<b>Joy's Y3 Class</b>	<b>99.1%</b>

**Congratulations to both of these classes and keep up the good work!**

## Dates for next week

Monday 9th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Forest School for Reception children</li></ul>
Tuesday 10th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 children taking part in Mayan Workshop in school</li></ul>
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Karen Mathews, Link Advisor, RBKC visiting school</li><li>• Governors' Premises Committee: 4.00pm</li><li>• Governors' Finance Committee: 5.00pm</li></ul>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joy's Y3 class assembly. This will be filmed and parents will be able to watch it via a link which will be sent to them on Parentmail.</li></ul>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Forest School for Nursery children</li><li>• Children In Need Day - see below</li></ul>

## News and reminders

### Seesaw

Please see the letter sent home to children in R-Y6 today about Seesaw. This is the virtual learning platform that our school will be using to share learning activities and resources but also to enable remote learning if a year group should have to isolate for two weeks following a member of the bubble

testing positive to Covid-19. We ask therefore that you support your child in setting it up in your household and check that they have completed the small task that has been set for them.

### **SRE**

A letter will be coming home on Monday about the SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) teaching that will be taking place during the second half of this term. As the letter explains, this is the unit of work that did not happen in the Summer Term due to lockdown and is the curriculum we have taught at this school for a number of years. Please look out for it in your child's book bag.

### **Children in Need**

Next Friday we are raising money for Children in Need and children and staff may pay £1 to wear spots, stripes or bright colours. We recognise that shops are not open and money is short so please do not buy anything new – just what you have already- to raise a bit of money for children and families less fortunate than us.



### **Fabulous Learning**

#### **Year 1**



Year 1 have designed some toys to help the Magic Toymaker. As you can see they have designed and made puppets and dolls.



## Year 4



Nadir researched Guy Fawkes as part of his home learning and drew this beautiful detailed drawing of him.

Whilst we have been unable to celebrate Bonfire Night on 5<sup>th</sup> November this year with displays of fireworks, Nadir prompted us to reflect in assembly on the history behind the event. Sumaya and Ruqayya in Year 5 were the first two children to be able to tell me the date that the Gunpowder Plot took place (1605) so they each earn 10 green card points for their classes. Well done to them and to Nadir!

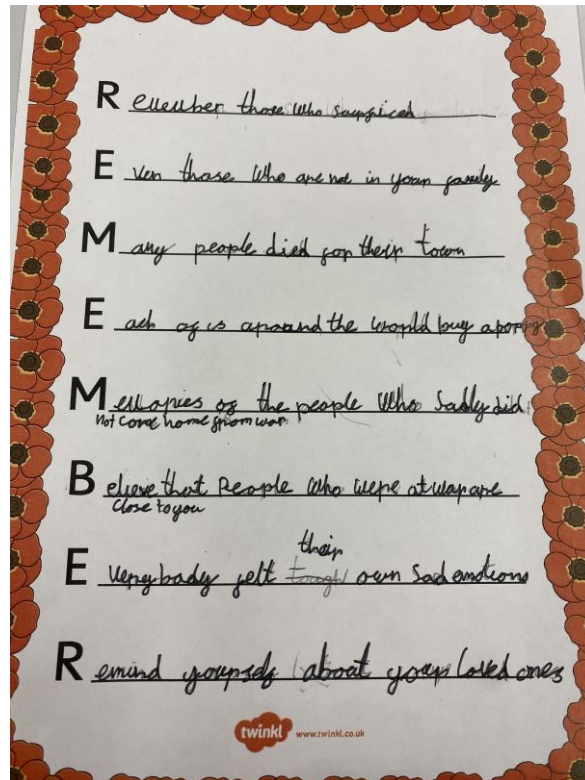
## Y4 – Daisy's Class



Daisy's class performed an exciting assembly called Bright Sparks which focused on their learning about electricity. It had lots of humour, many facts and some excellent singing. I do hope all parents in Daisy's class have watched it; well done to you all!

## Remembrance.

We have been discussing Remembrance Sunday and the significance of why we wear a poppy in assemblies. This week, Emma's class have been writing Acrostic poems about Remembrance. Thank you to Yasmin for the following:



## Poppy Appeal

If you would like to contribute to our Poppy Fund collection, our Prefects are standing by the Exit gates each day until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you in advance for your support.

## And finally...

I do hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes  
Katy Blackler