



Newsletter  
Autumn Term 2 – November 2019

Key Dates:

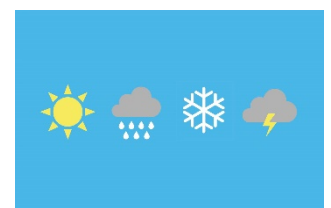
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** - First Day of Term – start 8.50 am
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Y2 trip to London “Great Fire of London”
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Cineworld to see “Dora and the Lost City of Gold”
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 3 trip to Cineworld – “Addams Family”
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day – Children can wear something red
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Friends of Hester’s Way Primary School (FoHWPS) meeting 9-10am in the school library, please sign in with Mel Richards outside the Library/Pod door area
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - History Event – parents/carers visits to class:  
Year 3 1.15-1.45pm; Year 4 1.45-2.15pm; Year 1 2.15-3pm
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – History Event – parents/carers visits to class:  
Year 5 9.15-9.45am; Year 6 9.45-10.15am; Year 2 2.15-2.45pm
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day donate £1
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Remaining Year 3 & Year 5 Parents Evening (Previously parent times booked for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November)
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 5 & Year 6 trip to Cineworld – “How to Train your Dragon”
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception Height & Weight – School Nurse
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am** – Reception Class of Sept 2010 – Open Morning
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Reception & Year 4 trip to Cineworld – “Under the Sea”
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Individual Photographs in the hall
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Boys Brigade Christmas Fair
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Flu Immunisation Rec – Year 6
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Half Price Book Fair in the hall from 3.00pm
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinners – Wear a Christmas jumper to school!
- **WC 16.12.19 – School/Classes Christmas Fair -date and times TBA**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last term of term – finish at 1.30pm

## Welcome Back to Autumn Term 2

The children have had a great start to the term, working hard and getting back into routines for learning. Thank you for sending them into school, so smartly dressed in their uniforms.

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to London on Monday, having learnt about the “Great Fire of London”, as their history theme this term.

Thank you for your patience and support on Monday, when we had to close the school due to leaks. We tried to get the property issues sorted before school but were not able to do this. The health and safety of our pupil’s and staff is of the utmost importance to us and this is why we decided to close. After seeking professional advice, the building was safe to open again on Tuesday. We work with Gloucestershire County Council Property Services to rectify and monitor any property issues.



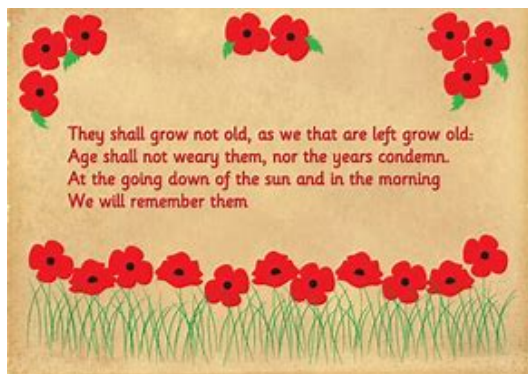
## School Closure Procedures

Please contact the school office, if you DID NOT receive a text on Monday morning to tell you about the school closure. Our school text system is the first used to inform parents about any school closure. We then sign the gates or ask staff members to man the gates to inform our children and their families, if they arrive at school. There is a GCC website school closure page that informs people about any school closures. <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> On Monday, we had some difficulties getting onto this site and so the message was posted later. This has now been rectified and we hope that this will not happen again. During the winter months, depending on weather and circumstances, we sometimes do have to close due to health and safety. These procedures will apply.

## Cineworld

As part of our Behaviour Reward system, we take each class to Cineworld in the Autumn Term - please see the dates above. Following the Year 1 & 2 trip, I have been reassured by the management at Cineworld that all future bookings are planned and expected, after our wonderful Year 1 & 2 pupils had to wait a considerable length of time, to see the film. Thank you to parents/carers who have volunteered to attend these trips. The pupils really enjoy this event and the teachers often use the content of the film to link to learning in the classroom at some point during the year.

## Remembrance Day



On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the children can wear something red with their school uniform, if these wish, to remember our soldiers, relatives, loved ones who have fought for our country.

We will have a moments silence at 11am to reflect and in the afternoon our pupils will make poppies for a whole school display in our Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural corridor.

Mrs Asquith is selling poppies in the office and will take them around class on Monday, if you would like to donate to the Royal British Legion.

## Friends of Hester's Way Parents Meeting

Our FoHWPS are having their first official meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, please come if you can to share ideas and support school events that the group will plan and oversee. It is great to hear that so many parents/carers want to take part, in a positive way, to support their children's education and the school. Thank you!

## Once upon a time.....



We would like to invite parents/carers into school – please see dates/times above - to find out from the children what they have been learning about in their History theme work. Dates and times will follow after half term.

The children will be making presentations to share on the school's social media pages and the website.

## Parents Evening – Y3 & Y5

If your original appointment was on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, please can you attend Parent's Evening at the same time but on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November? If not please speak to the class teacher or call the office to re-arrange. We apologise for any inconvenience in the change of dates. Thank you to parents/carers who have attended to find out about their child's education, so far this year. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions, as we want all parents to be well informed about their child's progress and development at school.

## Children in Need



We would like to support Children in Need with a non-uniform day. We are very aware that there are lots of charity events and we only ask for a donation. If you cannot give to all of the events that is fine and your child can still join in with the non-uniform event.

Our FoHWPS, will also be raising funds for school. Our school community, will no doubt want to give more to support our pupils in school. Please do not feel burdened to have to give every time – this is your choice. A huge thank you for all of the previous donations and support that you have given, too!

## Reception Class September 2020 – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am

We would like to invite the parents/carers of our next academic year's Reception Class into school to find out about Reception Class, their child's transition and induction and the school.

It is great to hear that many parents have already put down our school as their first choice and they will join siblings here at HWPS. Please see the link below for details of how to register a place, before the closing date of 15.01.20: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place/>

## Individual Photographs

If you would like a photograph of your child/children, with a pre-school sibling, please can you wait outside the hall door on 21.11.19 at 8.45 am. You will be signed in and out by a member of staff at the hall door, in order to limit numbers and over-crowding in the hall. If you would like siblings, who are in school, this will be organised within the school day. The photographs are then returned to school, in order for families to buy the photographs for Christmas.



## Christmas Fairs

We support Boys Brigade to raise funds for all of the work that they do with children who attend our school and live in the local community, throughout the year, by giving them hall time to run their Christmas Fair. Mrs Boyer works very hard with her team to make events happen such as summer camp, trips to the seaside and other local trips. We look forward to their Christmas Fair again this year – see date above.

Our pupils are also planning a Christmas Fair for the last week of term. The Art, Design and Technology curriculum block planned for 2 weeks at the end of this term, will focus on the children producing things to sell at our "School Christmas Fair". This will be led by the children and also be a "Money Project" for them to predict sales, advertise, sell and count earnings. The money raised will go to the School Council funds for all pupils to decide how it should be spent. We are really looking forward to this event.

As we will be putting our efforts into the Christmas Fair, there will not be the usual Nativity or KS2 performance however there will be a traditional Christmas choir and you may see Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Kings and Angels whilst you shop!!!

## Flu Immunisation

We did ask for a sooner date but the NHS could not change this for us. If you feel that you need your child to have this before December please go ahead and have it done but let the office know so they don't get a double dose! Also, if any family members are vulnerable or at risk, pharmacies and doctors should be giving the flu vaccine free, to prevent flu outbreaks.



## Book Fair



The Scholastic Half Price Book Fair is coming just before Christmas. We hoped that this would be a good opportunity to get reduced books for Christmas presents. Our children in a recent school survey gave some great feedback about reading with most children saying that they enjoy reading; 80% read at home either at bed time or relaxed on the sofa, they also gave us some ideas of books that they would like to read. We are able to choose books as part of the commission depending on how much you spend, so we will choose some books for classes and the library.

## Christmas Dinner and Jumpers!

The children can wear Christmas jumpers to school with their school uniform on Christmas dinner day! Letters will follow shortly for pupils to choose if they would like a Christmas dinner with payment arrangements.

This term is always a busy one and we are aware that in the run up to Christmas, it can be a challenging time for families. If you are having any difficulties and would like support, please speak to Mrs Jackie Harris our Pastoral Support Lead or any member of the management team. We may be able to help or find an agency who can help and support you.

*Happy Autumn Term 2! From the Staff*

