



Updates, information and reminders for November

Reading at Home & Reading Volunteers

We are unashamedly asking for your support with reading! The lockdown has had a huge impact on many children's learning and this is to be expected – we know and are grateful for all that you did during those challenging weeks! However, for those children who are early readers or learning to read, what we can offer in a school day is just not closing the gap...and yes, we are doing all that we can! Reading fluency, the skill of reading without having to decode and blend every sound in a word is a skill that many of our children need lots of practice in. They missed so much of this during the lockdown. You may have already been asked to support your child with their reading book at home, if not and this is an area that needs addressing, you will be asked soon. PLEASE, PLEASE can I ask that you support us with this, it has such a huge impact with your child's reading development and will give them the skills they need to access the rest of the curriculum. As soon as we can have volunteers back in school, we will be asking for parents or grandparents with a couple of hours to spare to come into school, have a bit of training (and a cup of tea) and to hear children read. Please contact the school office if you would like to join our growing team of reading ambassadors!

School photographer

On Monday November 8th the school photographer will be in school to take individual photos of your child / children. Further details will follow via text or email.

COVID Safety Updates

A reminder that we have been asked to wear masks in school once again. This applies to all parents entering the school site please.

School Gates

At last, we have a very impressive set of new gates on the drive to school. Thank you again to Mrs Sharman for starting this campaign last year and to the Helping Hands for helping us out with some of the costs that we had to meet. Great job done!

Children in Need

We will be raising money for Children in Need by a non-uniform day – teamed up with anything Pudsey, Yellow or Spotty – on Friday November 19th . Our school ambassadors will be on the gate at the beginning and end of the school day with buckets for your donations.

Anti-Bullying Day - One Kind Word

On Monday November 15th we are asking all children and staff to wear their favourite odd socks for the day. This is in support of the Anti-Bullying Campaign in schools, which we will be taking part in. Alongside the wearing of odd socks, to recognise that we are all different and that children should be themselves, accepting of one another and celebrate differences, the children will spend the day learning around the theme – One Kind Word.

Poppies

From Monday November 8th, we will have poppies and other related poppy products for sale at school breaktimes. Zip pulls and Reflector keyrings = 50p each, Silicon Wristbands = £1 each, Snap Bands = £1.50 each.

Well Done

Very well done to all the Year 5 and 6 stars who took part in the Beccles Youth Theatre Group production of Matilda Jr. Great performances were seen and you did yourselves proud. Well done to you all!

Berry Farm Trip

A huge thank you to Berry Farm, home of Greengrow Cooperative for providing a free Autumn open afternoon for our families over half term. We have had some wonderful feedback from families that attended this. We hope to be able to provide more trips like this in the future.

HOUSE POINTS update

Northgate 373

Hungate 468

Blyburgate 447

Saltgate 322



Well done to HUNGATE!

House winners for Autumn 1 half term.

TERM DATES 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

1st September – 17th December

Spring Term 2022

4th January – 8th April

Spring Half Term

21st February – 25th February

Summer Term 2022

25th April – 21st July

Summer Half Term

31st May – 4th June

PD Days

4th January

25th April

6th June



SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

1st Start Autumn Term 2

1st Black History day

8th School photographer

19th Children in Need Day

14th Wreath laying @ Beccles Memorial

15th Odd Sock Day – Anti Bullying Day

18th 5pm Early Years Bedtime Story

25th SEND parents afternoon (Invite only)

DECEMBER

6th 1:30pm Y3 & Y4 Christmas Carols & Crafts

7th 1:30pm Y5 & Y6 Christmas Carols & Crafts

8th 1:30pm Y1 & Y2 Christmas Carols & Crafts

9th 2pm Early Years Christmas Nativity

10th 2pm Early Years Christmas Nativity

13th Rock Steady Concert

13th 4:30pm Local Governing Body Meeting

14th Whole School Panto Day

15th Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

16th Christmas @ St Luke's (school children & staff only)

18th End of Autumn Term

JANUARY

4th PD Day

5th Spring Term 1 starts

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