



# Dove and Rainbow News

16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Remembrance

We marked Remembrance Day at school last Friday, by our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils helping to lead a community service at the war memorial. It was good to come together as a community and to take time to pause, reflect and remember in this season of Remembrance, especially as we approached the hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War. The children were fantastic ambassadors for the school. All other children from Nursery to Year 4, held a special remembrance worship and reflection within school.

Our Year 6 children have done a marvellous job selling poppies in school for the British Legion. Thank you for your kind donations.

## Children in Need

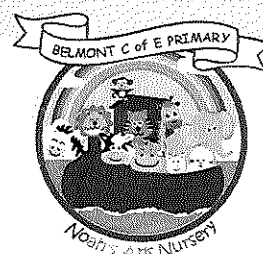
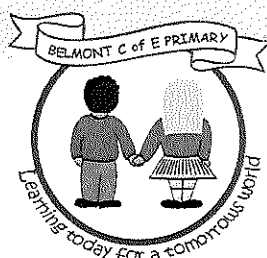
Thank you to our School Council who organised an exciting day for everyone today. The children looked fantastic in their 'Pudsey' colours and spots and have enjoyed participating in lots of different activities including; guessing the number of sweets in a jar, a Pudsey treasure hunt, a catwalk competition and a treasure map competition. Again, thank you for all of your kind donations.

## Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been national Anti-Bullying Week. As a school, we have focussed on its key theme this year – respect. Respect is one of our Rainbow Values, and through both worship and class activities, the children have been reminded of the importance of treating everyone respectfully. The Church's Open the Book story on Thursday morning, supported and reinforced this.

## School Crossing – Cheveley Shops Crossing

Unfortunately, Durham County Council have been unsuccessful in appointing a school crossing patrol officer. Please do take care whilst your children are crossing this busy road. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Road Safety team at County Hall.



### **Packed Lunch Policy**

Please see the Packed Lunch Policy on our website, for guidance of what is and is not allowed in our school packed lunches. Please note that chocolate coated items, sweets or confectionary, chocolate mousse or yoghurts, chocolate split pot yoghurts and grapes are not allowed. Any uneaten packed lunch food items will be sent back home, for you to be able to monitor what your child has consumed. Please can we also remind you that thermos flasks (containing hot liquids, soup or pasta) should not be brought into school. Please do not be offended if school contacts you to let you know about items which are not allowed, as it is a gentle reminder of the policy.

### **Parents Evenings and Nursery Celebration Evening**

It was lovely to have you in school on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to celebrate your child's work and progress. Thank you for your parent voice comments on Tuesday with our school governor, Katie Corrigan. There were lots of very positive comments – thank you! We will share these comments with you in the next newsletter.

### **Christmas Light Switch-On – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

St. Mary Magdalene Church would like to invite everyone to their Christmas lights switch-on evening. There will be music from 6.00pm in the Church and refreshments available in the Parish Hall and Belmont Working Men's Club.

### **Christmas Nativities**

We are looking forward to our Christmas Nativities this year. Our children in Nursery and Reception will be performing 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. Year 1 and 2 children will be performing their Nativity called 'Baubles' and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing their Nativity, 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'.

This year, we need to ask you for your support with our Nativities. Due to tight budget constraints, we are unable to provide costumes for all of our children. We feel that Nativities are very important and that the children and our families enjoy them.

Please can we ask you to provide a costume for your child. Please do not feel you have to purchase a costume, a homemade costume would be fine.

Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Important Dates for the next fortnight**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 3.45pm – New January Nursery Starters Meeting

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Shoebox collection for the Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Photograph Day – Phototronics will be in school to take the children's individual and sibling photographs during the school day. The photographer will be in the Dove Hall from 8.30am, for anyone wishing to have photographs of their child with pre-school/secondary school family members.

### **Christmas Dates**



Please find attached our finalised list of dates for our various Christmas activities. There is lots for our children and our families to look forward to and to enjoy!

With very warm wishes,

Mrs K. Harrison-Brown  
Head Teacher

## Christmas Diary Dates

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Year 2 Christmas Journey at Carville Methodist Church
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Non Uniform – Donations for Christmas Fair of tombola prizes would be welcome.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	PTA Christmas Fair 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christingle Services – Dove Hall 9.15 a.m. KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) 2.45 p.m. EYFS and KS1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2) All parents and carers are welcome.
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	9.15 a.m. KS1 (Years 1 and 2) performance of 'Baubles'* - Dove Hall 2.00 pm KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) performance of 'Magical Christmas Jigsaw'* - Dove Hall
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	9.15 am KS2 (Years 3,4,5, and 6) performance of 'Magical Christmas Jigsaw'* - Dove Hall 2.15 pm KS1 (Years 1 and 2) performance of 'Baubles'*- Dove Hall
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	9.15 a.m. EYFS (Nursery and Reception) performance of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'* 2.15 pm EYFS (Nursery and Reception) performance of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'*
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Party** KS2 (Years 3 / 4) Christmas Party***
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	KS2 (Years 5 / 6) Christmas Party*** KS1 (Years 1 / 2) Christmas Party***
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	<b>Team Treat</b> Christmas Lunch – if your child usually has a packed lunch and wishes to have the Christmas lunch, please send £2.05 in a named sealed envelope by Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018. Christmas Jumper and Movie Day – children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Children to attend church service at St Mary Magdalene School closes for Christmas Holiday.

\* No tickets required. Tea and coffee will be available at the beginning of each performance.

\*\* EYFS (Nursery and Reception) children should wear their party clothes to school.

\*\*\* KS1 and KS2 children should bring their party clothes to school in a bag in order to change into them after lunch.

Thank you.

**School re-opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**