



Newsletter

This Week

This week was Parents' Evening. It was fantastic to see so many parents and children attending. Thank you for your continued support.

Wednesday was Hindu Experience Day. Our guest was Alison from Bhaktivedanta Manor Hindu Temple in Watford. The temple was bought for the community by George Harrison. Alison started the day with an assembly and then took 2 classes at a time throughout the day. The children were taught the story of Diwali and got the opportunity to re-enact the story using costumes and props. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we would like to thank Alison for joining us and providing such an enjoyable event.

On Thursday I met with the School Ambassadors who forwarded their ideas for more social events to me. I will be meeting with them again on 3rd November to discuss their ideas further.

Friday was our 2nd African Drumming Day. All those that did not take part in the experience last week, took part this week and had a wonderful time.

Other News

Emergency lighting is currently being installed in the school to make us energy efficient and one of the Year 2 toilet blocks is going to be replaced in December.

Next Week

Next week is Half Term. I hope you have a fantastic week off and look forward to seeing all the children on Monday 31st October.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
October	
24th-28th	Half Term
31st	Back to School & Halloween Dress Up Day
1st	Firework Safety Assembly
November	
7th-11th	Remembrance Week
8th	Parents' Phonics Workshop
Menu	W/C October 31st Week 2

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	87.2%	93.6%
Year 1	91.8%	90.8%
Year 2	82.7%	89.1%

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.

Reminders:

Upon return from Half Term, please ensure your child has the following:

A full PE kit in school

All items labelled

A warm coat

A water bottle containing only water

Guest Speakers

After Half Term, we will have 2 guest speakers visiting the school.

1st November



We will have a guest speaker talking to the children about staying safe around fireworks.

4th November

Our local MP Giles Watling will be visiting the school to talk to the children about politics.

Halloween Dress Up Day & Halloween Raffle



A reminder of the Halloween Dress up Day on Monday 31st October. £1 donation towards the PTA. There will also be a special Halloween dinner. More details of this are attached to this Newsletter.

A reminder that Halloween raffle tickets can be bought from the school office for **£1 per strip**.

Remembrance Week 7-11th November



Our School Ambassadors will be visiting each class after Half Term selling poppies during the week. We also have wristbands and other items for sale in the school office. Prices range from 50p to £1.50.

We understand this is a financially challenging time and thank you for your continued support.

Half Term 24th—28th October. Back to school Monday 31st October.

Winter Warmers and Family Fun Day



Thursday 27th October
10am-12pm

**Sydney House Family Hub
Maldon Way, Clacton, CO16
7PA**

Many partners will be coming together to give winter resilience advice and support for the whole community to keep warm this winter.

Join in with fun children's activities and get ready for winter with FREE adults and children's, blankets, hot water bottles, gloves, school uniform, pre-loved coats and clothing, essential breakfast packs and much more!

There will be a vaccination bus available until 4pm. (No appointment needed!) and even a visit from the Fire Brigade! (subject to call outs).

Additional Information

Contact Details

Please can you ensure that we have all your correct contact details. If you have changed address, email address or telephone number, please contact the school office with the new details. Thank you.

Harvest

Our school Ambassadors will be taking all donated food items to the Salvation Army Food Bank on 8th November at 1.30pm. The staff at the foodbank will speak to the Ambassadors about how the food is sorted in the warehouse and how it is distributed. We are still open to receiving any further donations until the end of the first week after Half Term. Once again thank you for your generosity in these challenging times.



Reception Year: Spare Clothes

Due to our stock of spare clothes remaining low, we are asking for donations of clothing, underwear and shoes for our Reception children. If your child comes home in spare clothes, please wash and return them as soon as possible so we can replenish back into our stock. We thank you in advance for any donations.



Medicines

Please ensure all medicines are handed in to the school office. You will be required to fill out a form and medicine will then be administered and recorded by staff. Please **do not** put any medicines in your child's bookbag. Thank you for your support.



Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Volunteers to hear the children read or work with small groups. To find out more information, please contact the school office.