

**Next Week's Assembly Theme:** International Day of Tolerance / Anti-Bullying Week

**Reminder:** Absences should be reported by telephoning or emailing the school office by 8.30am on the first day of absence.

## What's on Week beginning 4th November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Odd Socks Day</b> <b>Anti-Bullying Week</b> KS1 Multi Skills Club 3-4pm Y5/6 Football Club 3-4pm	Y5/6 Cross Country at Warton	Pilgrim Fathers Roast Dinner Lunch Menu Y3/4 Football Club 3-4pm KS2 Musical Theatre Club 3.00 -4.15pm	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament	<b>Children in Need - Pyjamas for Pudsey</b> 2.40pm Celebration Assembly Y3-6 Hockey Club 3-4pm

### Community Academies Trust

Our schools have been part of the Trust for a number of years now but I thought I would take time to reflect on what that means for us as schools.

I attended a conference for our governors just last night where it was clear that as a Trust school we belong to something. When you are a local authority school you belong to it but you never get the sense that you are working for a common good. There are 17 schools in our Trust now and seeing those responsible for governance in the same place made it clear that our schools want each other to do well. We celebrated the successes achieved by all schools last year - including the two GOOD Ofsted results achieved by our schools.

On a day to day basis, it is easy to be caught up in our own schools as they are very busy places but we always know there is a support network there to call upon. Just this week our SLT worked with Birchwood to work collaboratively on new approaches to systems in school in light of a change in educational practice. It helps having different perspectives and challenges.

We have a central team of support to help school run with all aspects of management including site management, finance and personnel. The benefit of this is that the people at the end of the phone know our school and can therefore give a personal response. I can assure you this is a lifeline for us in school.

At the heart of being a CAT school is that the schools are allowed to maintain their own identity rather than becoming a carbon copy of the other schools. We are a Trust that believes in local education reflecting the communities we serve and this benefits our schools greatly.

Mrs M Cross  
Executive Headteacher



**Y6 Puppet Making Workshop**

All photographs can be purchased via ParentPay for £3 per A4 colour copy.

### Spot Light on Excellence...

#### GEMS Assembly

Welcome back to school everyone, I hope you had a relaxing holiday!

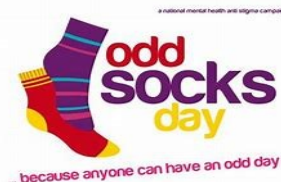
The final Celebration assembly of each half term is always my favourite because I get to present certificates and trophies to the winners of the GEMS in each year group. I think we all enjoy the anticipation of finding out who has been awarded the most GEMS in each class and who has been the most respectful.

The introduction of GEMS has been well received by the children and we are seeing all year groups striving to win as many GEMS as they can. GEMS can be awarded for an array of different reasons: success, respect, coming into school on time, singing, learning and many more.

This half term, we will be focusing more on our 'Growth Mindset' GEM and working with children to become more resilient when they are embarking on something difficult in their learning.

Miss McGroarty

### Odd Socks Day Monday 11th November



All you have to do is wear odd socks to school on Monday! It's a great way to highlight Anti-Bullying Week and celebrate what makes us all unique!



#### IPad App of the week

**Bee-Bot by TTS Group (FREE)**

The new Bee-Bot App from TTS

Group has been developed based on our well-loved, award-winning Bee-Bot floor robot. The app makes use of Bee-Bot's keypad functionality and enables children to improve their skills in directional language and programming.



#### Charity Update

Our new charity for this year is



@Dordon Primary

Please note that although we check the suitability of iPad applications, they can be changed without notice.



### Children in Need Friday 15th November Pyjamas for Pudsey

All staff and children are to come to school in their pyjamas and bring in £1 as payment. Children can wear sensible slippers in school but must have normal shoes to wear to and from school and for playtime. Also if children decide to wear a onesie we advise that they wear something else underneath.

### School Council Stamp Collection

The School Council has decided to collect stamps to help raise money for our sponsored charity of the year Zoe's Place. Could you please send your stamps into school, each class will have it's own collection box and we will see who are the best stamp collectors!



## Falcon



Falcon class started this half term with two workshops with the Birmingham Hippodrome, one was puppet making and the other was Circus Skills:

*"I enjoyed making the puppets because we got to choose our own animal. It was fun!" Maisie*

*"I thought the Circus Skills workshop was great because I got to work with my friends and learn how to balance my weight." Oliver*

*"The best part of the puppet making was we got to design them however we wanted." Iris*

*"I am new to school and I thought the Circus Skills was a unique activity to be part of." Jamie*

*"It was fun working with other people and having a visitor show us how to make a puppet." Ryley*

### ParentPay

Could we ask all parents to make sure that there are no outstanding debts on their children's ParentPay accounts. All meals taken, swimming lessons, activities and trips need to be paid for as soon as possible. If you need a Paypoint card to pay for school dinners or a barcoded letter for other activities please contact the school office who will be pleased to help.

### Have you lost something??

Our lost property bins are currently overflowing with uniform, PE kits, shoes, coats and water bottles. If you are missing any items belonging to your child please come to the school office at the end of the day to have a look.

### Playground Gym Equipment and Trim Trail

Can all parents please ensure that children are not using the playground Gym Equipment and Trim Trail at the start and end of the school day. They are only to be used by the children at break and lunch time.

### Dates for your Diary

20/11/19 - Family Lunch  
22/11/19 - Reports out to Parents  
25/11/19 - 29/11/19 Book Fair  
26/11/19 - Parents' Evening late appointments  
27/11/19 - Parents' Evening early appointments  
28/11/19 - Open Morning 9.00am - 10.00am  
02/12/19 - Enterprise Week  
06/12/19 - School Christmas Fayre  
09/12/19 - Whole School Nasal Flu Immunisations  
20/12/19 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm  
06/01/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
07/01/20 - Spring Term begins  
17/02/20 - 21/02/20 Half Term  
24/02/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
25/02/20 - Term resumes  
03/04/20 - End of Term school finishes at 3.00pm  
20/04/20 - Summer Term begins  
08/05/20 - Bank Holiday  
25/05/20 - 29/05/20 - Half Term  
01/06/20 - Term resumes  
19/06/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils  
17/07/20 - End of Term school finishes at 1.05pm  
These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

### Thrive Consent Forms

All children should have brought home a Thrive Consent Form in July. Please ensure that these are completed and returned to school as soon as possible so that we can keep all pupil records up to date. If you have not received a Thrive Consent Form you can download it from the Letters Home, School Forms, section on the school website or get a copy from the school office.

### Attendance

	Last Week	Year
Peacock	95.5%	95.1%
Kingfisher	93.2%	95.8%
Swan	96.7%	96.1%
Owl	97.9%	97.2%
Swift	99.3%	97.9%
Hawk	96.2%	96.6%
Falcon	96.1%	96.9%

### Last weeks Postcards Home

Peacock = Blubelle

Kingfisher = Isla

Swan = Emily

Owl = Lexi

Swift = Lewis

Hawk = Nicole

Falcon = Caitlin

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### Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.30-8.35am.

After School Club  
3.00-5.30pm.

Monday - Friday, term time only. For more information please contact Jack & Jill Preschool on 01827 899551 (Please note that once a session has been booked you will be charged even if your child does not arrive.)