



This week our children have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and why the poppy is such a special symbol. The children have been so engaged in sessions across school and nursery and have really taken on board the meaning behind this day. Take a look at some of the resources we used to help our children understand the meaning behind the poppy.

[\(197\) CBeebies | Poppies animation - YouTube](#)

[Remembrance Day - BBC Teach](#)



Today was the first Forest School session for Class 1 and what a success! The children had an amazing time exploring the great outdoors for the whole morning. They were taught how to use the area safely and enjoyed a whole range of experiences using the natural resources. This is now an exciting part of our early years provision and Class 2 will have their first session next Tuesday. Children will then access the provision weekly so watch this space!





During the week beginning Monday 13th November, we will be marking **Anti-Bullying Week** at Phoenix! The theme this year is 'Make a noise about bullying!' To kick the week off, we will be starting with **Odd Socks Day** on Monday 13th November!

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY? Odd Socks Day is a key part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day and this year, we are joining them again! Come to school on Monday wearing your odd socks.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT? The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. We will be completing fun activities during the day and the rest of the week, which will help us celebrate both our differences and our unity within our community. Look at the link below for further information.

[Odd Socks Day - Andy and The Odd Socks](#)



Children in Need 2023- Friday 17th November

This year we are taking part in the BBC Children in Need Bearpees challenge! We are taking on Joe Wicks' challenge to try and complete 1000 burpees as a school next week. Each class is going to keep a daily class total and hopefully by the end of the week we will reach the target of 1000! On Friday 17th November the children can wear non-uniform day and we would be very grateful for a voluntary donation of £1 which will go to Children in Need. We are also going to do a whole school Bearpees challenge in the playground on this day! Visit

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/introducing-pudsey-bearpees/learn-how-to-bearpee/> to learn how to Bearpee! I have been practising - it's hard work and will be a great challenge!



REMINDER - our first session this academic year is tomorrow!

During the colder months, it can be more of a challenge to find ways to keep the children entertained without feeling the need to spend money and we are therefore opening the school for some Saturday afternoon 'Stay and Play' sessions. (see dates below) The sessions are completely free of charge with refreshments provided. The hall will be available and if the weather allows outside too. Come along, have a chat with other parents and let the children have fun together - during the sessions you will be responsible for supervising your children. We hope that this will really support our community.

Saturday 11th November 2pm-3.30pm

Saturday 2nd December 2pm - 3.30pm

Diary Dates

Autumn

- Monday 13th November 2023 -Odd Socks Day - start of Anti-bullying Week
- Friday 17th November 2023 - Children in Need - non uniform day
 - Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Jumper day
- Wednesday 13th December 2023 - F1 (Nursery) Christmas performance 10.30am / 2.00pm
 - Thursday 14th December 2023 - F2 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas performance 2.00pm
 - Week Commencing 18th December 2023 - Christmas dinner (Date TBC)
- Monday 18th December 2023 - KS1 (Classes 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas performance 2.00pm
- Tuesday 19th December 2023 - KS1 (Classes 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas performance 9.30am
 - Wednesday 20th December 2023 - Pantomime in school and party day
 - Friday 22nd December 2023- Last day of term

Spring

- Tuesday 6th February 2024- Safer Internet Day
 - Friday 9th February 2024- INSET DAY & Last day of term
 - Monday 19th February 2024 - First day of term
 - Thursday 7th March 2024 - World book day
 - Monday 11th March and Wednesday 13th March 2024 - F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)
 - Tuesday 12th March and Thursday 14th March 2024 - KS1 Parents evening
- Have a
- Friday 15th March 2024 - Easter disco for children
 - Thursday 28th March 2024- Last day of term

Summer

- Monday 6th May 2024- Bank Holiday- School closed
 - Friday 24th May 2024- Last day of term
 - Monday 3rd June 2024 - First day of half term
- W/C 3rd June 2024 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- W/C 10th June 2024 - Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
- Thursday 20th June 2024 - Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley
 - Tuesday 25th June 2024 - F1/F2 Sports day 10am / 2pm
 - Wednesday 26th June 2024 - KS1 Sports day 2pm
 - Wednesday 3rd July - Visit new classes morning
 - Friday 5th July - Garden Party
 - Monday 8th July 2024- INSET DAY
- Thursday 25th July 2024 - Year 2 Leavers assembly
- Friday 26th July 2024- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24