



Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy week. I might just need the weekend to recover.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings. Our partnership with you is essential to ensure that our children get the most of their formative years here. Thank you for the support you give them and us as we build on their strengths and achievements and work together to support them in their continuing development.

We had a PTA AGM this week – more about that below – and, of course, lots of learning happened as well.

In Reception, the children have been immersed in the Michael Rosen classic “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt”. They enthusiastically retold the story and even created their own versions – adventuring through jungles, climbing volcanoes and exploring deep, dark bat caves.

In Year One, the children have been exploring the changing seasons and writing letters to story characters. They have also been learning about the main events in the life of Jesus.

The Year Two children, have been learning about different transport that can be used around the city of London and also investing the effects of exercise on the body.

Today we remembered those who have fought so bravely and served our country during past wars – and still today. Children across the school participated in a one-minute silence to commemorate Remembrance Day and showed great respect. Thank you to everyone who donated for poppies. The money will be sent on the Royal British Legion.

A big thank you to the School Councillors this week for helping with the poppies!



Our Family Support Worker Teresa Doe, will be running the Parenting Puzzle in January. This has always proved to be a really informative and helpful course in navigating your way through family life. If you would like to participate or simply find out more details, please see the poster that is also attached to the parentmail message used for this newsletter, or call Teresa Doe on 07871079205

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cary

### Kindness Awards

These are the 10 children recognised across the school this week for being fabulously kind. I have spotted so much kindness that I understand why it is sometimes difficult to choose. These 10 must have been exceptional.

Well done to all our kindness award recipients!

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Rosie	Maple	Mila	Beech	Arlo
Elm	Rosalie	Rowan	Zach	Oak	Alfie
Holly	Mae	Willow	Lenny	Sycamore	Rosalie
Pine			Maddie		

**It's cool to be kind.**

### PTA

This week we had our PTA Annual General Meeting. It was great to see so many parents there. We heard from our Chair and the Treasurer about all the fantastic events that have taken place over the last year and also how the money raised by the PTA has been spent to support the children's learning experiences here. We said a big thank you to the committee who are all moving on from their roles. We are all very grateful for their time, passion and commitment that they have given to support the school in such a brilliant way. We are grateful that many of them are still parents of the school and will continue to support the PTA.

As a school, we are very happy to be in receipt this week of some rather wonderful iPads that have been paid for by the PTA. We are looking forward to getting the most out of this brilliant technology. THANK YOU!



We waited with bated breath to see if anyone would step up to fulfil the trustee roles and I was delighted that we didn't have to wait very long at all. Thank you to those who put themselves forward. We are grateful for your support and willingness to commit to these important roles. We now have a full complement of trustee members and I am very excited to work with them, and indeed all you parents, to continue to support the school. I am sure the new committee members will be in touch shortly to introduce themselves.



# Artist of the Week is.....

## James Brown

Also known as the 'hardest working man in showbusiness' and the 'Godfather of Soul'. We are looking forward to hearing his funky, soulful tunes throughout our school next week and are hoping that all children and staff are singing, "I Feel Good" at their tops of their voices by the end of the week.

### Dates for the Diary



w/b Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Antibullying week

(Monday – **Odd Socks Day** – wear odd socks

Friday - **Children in Need Day** – wear spots or stripes and bring in a donation for Children in Need)



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Year 2 cake sale

(this is a change to the original date)



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Safeguarding Talk for Parents

2:30pm @ School

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

PTA: Shop & Social – Vine Hall

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

The Fantastic Fred Experience

<https://vimeo.com/488186303/98096f5716>

(see more details below)



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations



## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November is National Anti-Bullying Week. At our school the children will be engaged in lots of activities based around understanding what bullying is and how we can reach out to those in need of support.

*If we challenge it, we can change it.*

### What is bullying?

Several Times  
One-sided,  
Mean,  
Purposeful

This may be reaching out to the person being bullied, the bully themselves, or a person who witnesses bullying behaviour. If someone is witnessing bullying in any form, then it is important for all of us to understand how we can intervene in a supportive and positive ways, rather than ignoring the behaviour. Here are some things we will be discussing with the children:

Noticing, talking, supporting, asking if you are ok, respecting everyone, checking in and checking in again.

### Reminders:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Odd Socks Day 

Please wear odd socks – the crazier and more colourful the better. This will be a reminder to us all that we all unique and special – and it's wonderful to be different 😊



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need Day

Please wear mufti – spots or stripes being key to the chosen outfit and bring in a donation for Children in Need.

Reception children will still be doing their PE lesson that day so you may want to add a spotty or stripy t-shirt to their PE kit or wear a potty or stripy outfit that is very comfortable that the children can run and jump, or twist and turn in.



On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November all children will be taking part in

### The Fantastic Fred Experience.

The children will be able to take part in a live, interactive and engaging performance specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience. The workshop delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and it explains the link between our physical and mental health.

Please watch this pre-workshop video.

<https://vimeo.com/488186303/98096f5716>

### FOOD

Eating the right foods

### REST

Getting enough sleep

### EXERCISE

Being active

### DEVICES

Managing time on digital devices