**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 10th October 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very exciting first week back!

**Fireworks Fiesta**

Thank you to everyone who came to support our annual fireworks night – we welcomed over 700 people! Luckily it stayed dry and the fireworks display, organized by Neil Ednie from N E Entertainment, was spectacular as always. We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers including staff, PTA members and our friends from Emmanuel who came to help on the day to ensure the smooth and safe running of this event. Special thanks to Mrs Bourbonneux who took charge of first aid support for the night. Well done to everyone… we can’t wait for next year!

**Friends of Leftwich Primary School**

Our first event of the year has been a great success, thanks to the amazing team who support FOLPS. We are always looking for new members to join our lovely team. We would welcome different ideas for fundraising and help with planning events. However joining FOLPS doesn’t have to mean a large time commitment and we will be grateful for whatever time you can give, especially if you are able to support events as and when they take place.

Our next meeting is being held at the school on Tuesday 14th November from 5.30pm until 6.30pm. These are always informal meetings held over a cup of tea or a coffee. So if you are interested, please come along.

*Don’t forget to follow FOLPS on Facebook!*

**One School, Many Cultures**

Children across the school had a brilliant day learning about Sri Lanka on Tuesday. Each class enjoyed a wide range of activities to learn more about some of the traditions of Sri Lanka - they danced, learned phrases from the national language and sampled some wonderful food. We would like to thank Mrs Saran who kindly came in to make a traditional meal for the reception class and year 5 children. Thanks also to Miss Sivany who brought in beautiful clothes and photographs to share. What a lovely day!

**Remembrance and Emmanuel**

Children have been purchasing Poppies and other items to support the Royal British Legion this week. In assembly this morning Pastor Dave, from Emmanuel talked to the children about Remembering and we held a minutes silence to remember those who have been lost in action.

Pastor Dave asked us to extend an invitation to you all to attend the **Remembrance Service at Emmanuel Church on Sunday from 10.30am until 11.30am.**

Dave would also like to remind you that Explorers will re-start on Monday 13th November with Science Week. Explorers runs for an hour each Monday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Many of our children attend each week and they thoroughly enjoy it.

The flyers attached to this email give more information on bth

Thank you, Pastor Dave and all at Emmanuel for your continued support at school and in the community.

**Odd Socks Day!**

Next week we will continue to focus on ‘respect’ across school. On Monday the children are invited to wear odd socks for the day, to promote National Anti-Bullying week which will run from Monday 13th November until Friday 17th November. Please see the flyer attached to this email.

**Year 5 Class Assembly**

Don’t forget we have our Year 5 class assembly next Friday morning at 9.15am. Parents of Year 5 children are invited to join us to celebrate all they have achieved so far this year.

**Year 1 Family Lunch**

Our year 1 parents and guardians have been invited to book in for a lunch with their child next week on either Tuesday, Wedenesday or Thursday. A separate letter has been sent, but if you haven’t received this correspondence please contact the school office and we can get you booked in.

**Attendance**

This week we had three winning classes for attendance, which is fantastic! Well done to years 1, 3 and 5 who all won with 96%.

*Attendance for the week:*

Reception: 92%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 93%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 92%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 95%

*Whole school attendance for the year so far is 93.3%*

**Dates for your Diaries**

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| **Event** | **Date** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Odd Socks Day | Monday 13th November | All day | All classes |
| Year 1 Family Lunch Week | Tuesday 14th, Wedensday 15th, Thursday 16th November | 12pm | Year 1 parents |
| Year 5 Class Assembly | Friday 17th November 2023 | 9.15am | Year 5 parents |
| Christmas Jumper Swap and coffee afternoon | Thursday 23rd November 2023 | 2.25pm | All year groups |
| Infant Play Dress Rehearsal | Monday 11th December 2023 | 1.30pm | Reception, year 1, year 2 parents/ grandparents |
| Infant Christmas Play | Tuesday 12th December 2023 | 6pm | 2 tickets per child will be issued – Reception, year 1, year 2 parents/ guardians |
| Christmas Lunch Day | Wednesday 13th December | 12pm | All classes |

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Harrison and Mrs L Guy