

## November Newsletter

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 3rd December** - Autumn reports are sent to families

**Saturday 4th December** - Hebden Bridge Schools Federation Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 7th December** - Christmas performance of 'The Little Blue Star' 2pm

**Wednesday 8th December** - Christmas performance of 'The Little Blue Star' 9:30am

**Wednesday 8th December** - Family Consultations with class teachers

**Thursday 9th December** - Family Consultations with class teachers

**Tuesday 14th December** - Y2 to see Riverside Dress Rehearsal, more information to follow closer to the time.

**Wednesday 15th December** - Wear something Christmassy to school; a jumper. A hat or a piece of tinsel in your hair!

**Wednesday 15th December** - Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 16th December** - Reception age children will be weighed and measured

**Friday 17th December** - Carols at Hope Baptist Church

**Friday 17th December** - School closes for Christmas

### Phonics

It was wonderful to be able to offer a session to parents about our new Phonics Scheme - *Little Wandle Letter and Sounds*. Thank you to all of those that were able to attend. We plan to add the PowerPoint and resources shared to the school website. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

The children have taken to the new routines and resources with ease and the results are amazing. We are so incredibly pleased with the results of the phonics screen that the Year 2 children have taken.

A big 'thank you' to all the grown ups in school for completing the training and for the huge effort they have put in to organising all the resources.



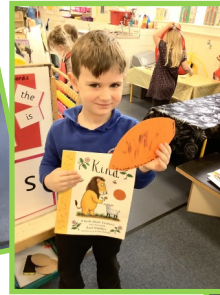
### Family Consultations



We are looking forward to speaking to you all about your child's achievements at school. On Friday you will receive their Autumn report, which we hope you enjoy reading. If you have returned a reply slip your child's teacher will be in touch via Class Dojo to give you a time for a face-to-face meeting or phone call depending on your requests. If you are coming into school please ensure that you wear a face covering.

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea they need to remain at home and not come into school for 48 hours after the last episode. Thank you for your cooperation.





# ONE KIND WORD

## Anti-bullying Week 2021



### Children in Need

We enjoyed bringing our teddy bears into school for Children in Need. Acorns talked about why we raise money for those children who are not as fortunate. They hoped that they had teddies because our teddies make us feel safe...they are like superheroes, that is why Acorns made capes for their bears!

### Anti-bullying Week

Our anti-bullying week began with 'odd sock day' where we wore our odd socks and thought about what was special and unique about each one of us. We enjoyed dancing in our odd socks to Andy and the Odd Sock Band singing along to the One Kind Word song. We thought about what kindness was and kind words we could say and kind things we could do. We also had a 'kindness to ourselves and others challenge' each day. One child told us this great joke for our 'kindness to others challenge': What do you get if you cross T-Rex with a kangaroo? Tricera-hop!!

When completing our kindness leaves for the school kindness tree about how we can be kind to others, the children's suggestions included letting people in the line in front of us, sharing as sharing is kind, and helping as helping is kind.



Thank you!  
We raised £80



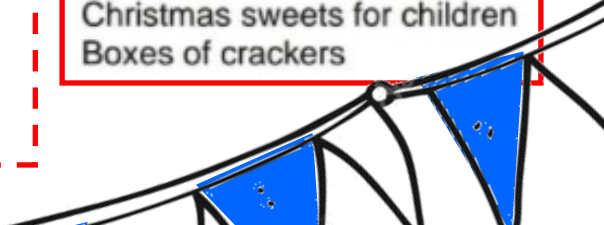
**Todmorden Food Drop In**  
Serving Todmorden, Hebden Bridge and surrounding areas

### Reverse Advent Calendar

As in previous years we would like to have a reverse advent calendar in each class. What is a reverse advent calendar? Instead of receiving a gift, those taking part in a reverse calendar **donate an item each day**. At the end of advent, the calendar will result in a collection of goods. This year we will continue to support Todmorden Food Drop In. This year they would like to provide extra Christmas goods to their service users in the week before Christmas. They are looking for donations of....

Please send your donations into school, we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

- Mince pies
- Christmas cakes
- Christmas puddings
- Tins of ham
- Packs of luxury biscuits
- Boxes of chocolates
- Bars of good chocolate
- Christmas sweets for children
- Boxes of crackers





## Christmas Events



**Saturday 4th December**

### Hebden Bridge Schools Federation Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas Fair will be spread across all three of the schools in our Federation. At Central Street there will be a fantastic tombola and visit the Elves wrapping workshop where the children can buy and wrap a small present for a member of their family. At Stubbings you will find Santa's Grotto and face painting. At Riverside there will be stalls selling crafts, an amazing raffle and even a talent show as well as delicious refreshments.

At all schools there will be children's games and the opportunity to have a hot drink and a mince pie!

**Tuesday 7th December**

**Performance of 'The Little Blue Star'**

**2pm**



**Wednesday 8th December**

**Performance of 'The Little Blue Star'**

**9.30am**



Please buy your tickets in advance by returning the form sent home last week. Each family can have a total of two tickets.

We will ensure that the hall is well ventilated (please wrap up warm), we will ask visitors to wear a face covering whilst they are in school and hand sanitiser will be available as you enter and leave school.



**Tuesday 14th December**

**1:30pm**



Children in Oaks to visit the Little Theatre to watch the dress rehearsal of Riverside's Christmas production.

**Wednesday 15th December**

**Christmas Dinner**

Please wear something Christmassy to school....a Christmas jumper, a Christmas hat or some tinsel in your hair!

**Friday 17th December**

**Carols at Hope Baptist**

**10:30am**

All three schools will join together to sing Christmas carols and songs and wish each other 'a very merry Christmas'



# Acorns



Our topic started with a bang with firework, bonfire and Diwali activities. We discovered how Diwali is celebrated and learnt about the significance of lighting diva lamps and making Rangoli patterns. We enjoyed planning our Diwali feast and performing to our families.

Last week we read the story Kipper's Birthday and thought about how birthdays are celebrated. We made birthday cards, buns and presents. This week we are reading 'Our Favourite Day of the Year' by A E Ali and thinking about special times for families all over the world.

We are doing really well with our phonics and reading sessions and our adults are so proud of us .

# Oaks

We have recently begun a new art topic, What is a portrait? We began by looking at some famous portraits before making some of our own using different media. Can you see what we have used?  
Our next question is why are noses so tricky to draw?

