

BULLETIN – FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

"GROW, BLOSSOM, FLOURISH"

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term and spent time with your friends and family. The children have enjoyed telling us all the things they got up to during the week.

It was lovely to welcome our Vicar, Revd Craig, into school just before the half term holiday. Revd Craig led a Collective Worship session all about the church seasons and brought along with him some of the colourful stoles he wears at different times of the year. The children thoroughly enjoyed his visit and I am delighted to say that he will be visiting us regularly throughout this year.

Thank you for your attendance at our Meet the Teacher sessions before half term. If you have not yet had a chance to catch-up with your child's class teacher please email the school office to arrange an appointment.

We are really enjoying showing round prospective Reception parents and their children at the current time. If you know anyone who may like a place for their Reception child in Sep 2022 please encourage them to make contact with the school office where an appointment can be made.

As we have done in previous years, children and school staff will be visiting the memorial in the village on 11th November to pay our respects and lay a wreath. You are very welcome to join us for this short service of remembrance just before 11.00am. If you do not wish your child/ren to take part in this service or the observance of a two minute silence, please let us know asap, thank you.

Mrs Rebecca Thompson Smith (Year 2 parent), is collecting filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child – please see the following link for more information: <u>https://www.samaritans-</u> <u>purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/</u>. If you would like to support this charity please pass your shoeboxes onto Mrs Thompson Smith before 15th November so she can take them to the local collection point.

We have experienced a significant and rapid increase in the number of children experiencing sickness and vomiting over the last couple of days. We have been in touch with PHE and have been advised to remind all families that children must not return to school until 48 hours (2 clear days) after the last episode of sickness. In school we will continue with our infectious disease measures of hand washing, ventilation and enhanced and frequent cleaning. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We have two new members of staff who have joined us this week in school. We are very fortunate that Miss Helena Fishburn, the Deputy Headteacher at St Peter's CE School in Harrogate, is going to be with us every Monday, she is providing leadership and management support during Mrs Gardiner's maternity leave. We are very grateful to the Headteacher at St Peter's for allowing us to pinch Miss Fishburn for one day a week! We have also welcomed Miss Jess Marston for one day a week into school. Miss Marston will be with us every Thursday and will be teaching individual children and/or small groups. You may already know Miss Marston as she has recently covered classes during teacher absences. We are also very pleased that once again we are supporting student teachers from Leeds Trinity University on their placements with us.

With every blessing,

Mrs Andrews