

# E-Bulletin

15th October 2018



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## Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much to parents and carers who have started volunteering to hear readers at school. Thank you too to parents who have accompanied children on trips over the past few weeks. Your support makes such a lot of difference and we are very grateful.

### Learning in the Community

As you know we want our school to be at the heart of the community– and our community to be at the heart of our school. Last week Reception, Y1 and Y5 enjoyed visits from Wiltshire and Dorset fire service to learn about fire safety. Year 1 also went on local area walks to find out about, and take photos of, different kinds of houses. This week Year 6 are visiting the Wiltshire Science and Engineering Fair at County Hall, as well as taking part in a World War 2 history workshop run by Trowbridge Museum. On Wednesday children will be taking part in a writing workshop led by author Alan Snow at Trowbridge Town Hall Arts. On Saturday Y5 children will be taking part in Trowbridge carnival, as part of their Terrific Trowbridge topic. Please come and cheer them on!

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### Remembrance Commemoration

This year is the centenary of the end of World War 1, which, as you know people hoped would be the 'war to end all wars.

We will be commemorating this important event, and remembering those who have sacrificed so much in war during the first week of term 2.

We will create a whole school poppy artwork, and each class will learn about a different soldier from Wiltshire.

Year 4 will be representing Oasis Academy Longmeadow at Schools event in the morning of November 8th and in the afternoon we will be holding our own remembrance assembly.

## Achievements

As you know, we currently give awards for Excellent English, Marvellous Maths and Learner of the Week. From half term we will be changing our weekly awards certificates slightly. We will be awarding a certificate for **Learner of the Week**, and also for **9 Habits Champion of the week**.

We will continue to recognise those children who have tried hard to do the right thing every week with weekly stay on green events on Friday afternoons. This week, more children than ever attended this event. We will also continue with house points. Indeed some children have already taken home their 25 House Point certificate— well done to them!

We also award an **attendance trophy** to the class with the best attendance each week. Very excitingly, every child who comes to school every day from today until the end of term will also enter an **attendance raffle** for a Halloween goody bag. There will be an attendance raffle like this at the end of each term. You've got to be in it to win it!

## Breakfast and After School Club

As you know Active Trowbridge run a breakfast club and after school club at school. Breakfast club starts at 7.45 a.m. Breakfast— cereal, milk and juice is now being provided by Active Trowbridge so children do not need to bring in additional cash for their breakfasts.

After School Club lasts from 3.00– 5.00 p.m. A snack is not provided by Active Trowbridge as part of this provision. We are sometimes, but not always, able to offer fruit from school

**If your child attends after school club please make sure they bring a snack with them.** (No nuts please!) It is a long time for hungry little tummies to wait from lunchtime until 5.00pm!

## Attendance

Even one or two days off means that a child misses a whole chunk of learning which will not be repeated. There is a clear and direct link between good attendance and good academic achievement. We will be sending attendance figures home for each child at the end of term. Please look out for them. The national expectation is 97%.

**An attendance percentage of 95% by the end of the year means children have missed two whole weeks of school!** We will not be authorising absences for children whose attendance is below 95% unless a doctor's note is provided or there are exceptional circumstances.

Children who have attendance below 90% (equivalent to 1 day missed every two weeks) have fallen below the persistent absentee threshold at which schools refer to the education welfare office of Wiltshire Council. We recognise that everyone gets ill from time to time. That is why our class and individual rewards are repeated weekly and termly so that even if you miss out once, there are plenty of other chances to win.

## Coming Up Soon

DATE	DETAILS
19th October	FOALs Halloween disco. Please make sure you check posters for timings.
20th October	Year 5 taking part in Trowbridge carnival
23th October	Sharing with Parents
24th October	Last day of Term 1
5th November	Term 2 starts
8th October	Y4 attending schools Remembrance service (am) Whole school remembrance assembly (pm)
23rd November	Black Friday Film Night— Please see FOALS for tickets