



# Newsletter



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## Headline!

## News!

### Dear Parents/Carers,

As with all changes throughout the year, the seasonal change ‘bugs’ are affecting up. We have all sorts of viruses going round school at the moment. Whilst some are highly contagious, others are not so please do call the office if you are unsure and we can advise on whether your child needs to be kept at home or can attend school.

I was lucky enough to visit the theatre this week with Iris class to watch ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’. It was a lovely trip and we all really enjoyed it.

Staff are continuing with their own professional development looking at enhancing the writing curriculum for our children as well as refreshing teachers’ knowledge around curriculum development. This continual development is key to improving progress and outcomes for all.

Next week, staff will be meeting you all at parents evenings and sharing the great work your child/children have shown so far and the next steps in their learning.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

### REMEMBERANCE

This week, the children have shown their respect to those who fought in the World Wars. Zeus class have helped to create a display in the hall, School Council members have laid a wreath on our behalf at the Kettering Memorial and the whole school showed great maturity during the short service held on Friday to coincide with the two minutes silence.





## ROAD SAFETY/PARKING CONCERNS

We have been contacted a few times this week by concerned road users, having narrowly missed hitting children walking out between parked cars.

We have reminded children in school about road safety, but would also ask you to have this conversation with your children.

If you drive to school, please do take the time to think about where and how you are parking, so we may keep our children safe.



## ODD SOCKS – MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on this day.

**BBC**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN NEED**

## CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Our theme for Children in Need this year is 'Spotacular!'

Children are invited to come to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, dressed in spotty clothes/mufti for a donation, which will go to Children in Need.



## MATHS WEEK ENGLAND – TT ROCKSTARS COMPETITION FOR YEARS 2 - 6

We are celebrating Maths Week England by taking part in a friendly times tables (and division) competition. The competition runs from 7:30am Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to 7:30pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. It's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com).

Children can play in any gamemode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. Winning players will be awarded with a certificate in our celebration assembly on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.



## READING LISTS

Thank you so much to those Year 1 and Year 2 parents who have attended the phonic sessions over the past few weeks. We are looking forward to hosting Iris class (Reception) later this term and KS2 in the Spring.

One question that has come up frequently is a list of suggested books for different year groups. Whilst there are many lists around for you to choose from the link below is age specific and has links to purchase them should you wish.

Please remember this list is not exhaustive or compulsory but reading books from a wide range of authors and of different text types will help your child in all areas of their learning. <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>



## TEAMS

After experiencing lots of problems with TEAMS and access for all children, the issue has been sorted.

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be sharing the passwords with children who will bring them home.

As well as sharing homework on here for some classes, TEAMS is an area in which teachers will be sharing their knowledge organisers, class photos from trips and also music/songs for various school events.



## SPONSORED READ WITH OSBOURNE BOOKS

Thank you to everyone who joined our sponsored read over half term.

The sponsor monies will now be counted and an update will follow in the coming weeks.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November the school photographer will be visiting to take photographs of the children.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE



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Due to the success and enjoyment of last year's fayre, we will again be holding our Christmas Fayre for children only, during the afternoon of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Children are invited to bring a maximum of £7.50 to school in a named purse/envelope, to spend on crafts, tombolas, games and gifts.



## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MEAL

The school Christmas meal is now available to order from Dolce, via School Grid, for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



## PACT

### MAGIC PAUL

PACT are welcoming Magic Paul to school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Time - Straight after school until 4.45pm

Tickets - £4 per child

Please purchase your tickets using the link below by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hallmeadowspact/#.Y2FFwyWnwWN>

### AMAZON SMILE

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>



Please register your amazon account through the smile link above and search for **Hall Meadow's Parent and Children Together (PACT)**.

Once you have added Hall Meadow to your account, every time you shop through your regular app PACT receive a small donation. So far this is at over £100.

### WANTED

PACT are looking for a few more chocolate & sweet donations for the tombola for the Christmas Fair, and also any gift/bottle bags and Christmas wrapping paper would be greatly appreciated!



## VACANCY

InMat are looking for a Cluster Finance Manager to join their team:

- **Permanent**, Term time only 38 weeks (this could possibly be increased)
- **Working Hours:** Full Time, 37 Hours per week Monday to Friday 8:30 to 16:30
- **Location:** The post-holder will be working across three of our academies, so requires some flexibility around travel but will be based in Kettering

Please visit <https://www.teachnorthamptonshire.com/job/cluster-finance-officer-3/> for more details and to apply.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

IRIS – Sofia  
DEMETER - Finley  
APOLLO - Charlie  
POSEIDON - Sophia  
ATHENA - Aisha  
ARES - Aroush  
ZEUS - Olivia

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## Social Media - Posts of the week!



## DATES FOR DIARY!

### November

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti Bullying Week

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents Evening

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents Evening

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children In Need

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - World War 1 Visitor to Yr 5 & 6

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – School Photographer

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> NOV - Magic Paul Show after school (by ticket only)

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Iris Class RWI session 9am



	<p><b>December</b></p> <p><b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b> – Christmas Fair (children only, in school time)</p> <p><b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> – Dolce Christmas Meal</p> <p><b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> - M&amp;M Productions in school (Beauty and the Beast)</p> <p><b>Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> – Reception &amp; Year 1 Nativity 1.30pm &amp; 6.30pm (information and tickets to follow soon)</p> <p><b>Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> – Santa visiting classes</p> <p><b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> – Carols on the Playground (more information to follow)</p> <p><b>CLASS ASSEMBLIES:</b></p> <p>All class assemblies begin at 9am, in the school hall.</p> <p>IRIS - Weds 28<sup>th</sup> June  DEMETER - Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> May  APOLLO - Weds 29<sup>th</sup> March  POSEIDON - Weds 8<sup>th</sup> March  ATHENA - Weds 25<sup>th</sup> January  ARES - Weds 7<sup>th</sup> December</p>
<p><b>2022-23</b></p>	<p><b>TERM DATES</b></p> <p><b>Term 2</b>  Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – School open to all pupils  Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – End of term</p> <p><b>Term 3</b>  Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Bank Holiday  Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Training Day  Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – School open to all pupils  Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - End of Term</p> <p><b>Term 4</b>  Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February– Training Day  Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – School open to all pupils  Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – End of term</p> <p><b>Term 5</b>  Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April– Training Day  Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – School open to all pupils  Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday  Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – End of term</p> <p><b>Term 6</b>  Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School open to all pupils  Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term</p>

