

# Welcome back after the Mid-Term Break

A BIG THANK YOU to all for raising the magnificent sum of £917.50 for the Autumn Sponsored Walk. Thank you for your continued generosity. The money raised will help to fund a planned Christmas trip to the Waterfront for Aladdin as well as going towards to funds to expand classroom technology.

#### Visitors to school in November:

**Music Therapy:** The children have had taster sessions of music therapy and really enjoyed it. We have booked further sessions on <u>Tuesday 8th and 29th</u> for more dance, pulse and rhythm.

Whitehall Photography: James and Fran from Whitehall Photography will visit the school on  $\underline{\text{Thursday } 10^{\text{th}}}$  to take individual and class pictures.

**Sonal Sportz:** The children will continue PE with Coach Paul. He will be coming back on the 17th November.

Gathering Drum: On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Joe from gathering Drums will visit and introduce African Drums! They will be playing the drums whilst 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. This is always lots of fun for the children, and excellent for developing attention and listening skills.

**Health Visitors**: The health visitors have your completed forms and will be visiting the nursery on <u>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></u>. You will have an opportunity to meet and discuss any concerns.

**Dental Nurse:** Lyn Johnston is the schools dental nurse will be visiting on  $\frac{\text{Wednesday }30^{\text{th}}}{\text{to talk to the children about the importance of looking after their teeth. She has fun engaging puppets and stories to keep the children engaged.$ 

Before COVID children in the nursery brushed their teeth every day after dinnertime. It is hoped we will resume this in term 2.



# Big Bedtime Read Wednesday 16th from 6-7pm

To kickstart the schools Getting Ready to Learn (GRtL) progamme, as well as supporting the theme of night time, the children are invited to come to school at 6pm for a lovely evening of storytelling followed with hot chocolate and cookies for supper. Children should come along in pyjamas with their favourite bedtime teddy.

On the same evening, parents are invited to stay or join at home via Zoom for a short overview of the GRtL programme and the benefits of reading at home, as well as many other ideas and tips to support learning in the home.

### Housekeeping:

- The school day begins at 8:50am, please try to bring your child to school as close to this time as possible.
- ❖ Early Morning Drop Off is proving very popular, and some mornings we are reaching the maximum number of 13 children. Please (were possible) could you notify the class teacher on a Friday, what days you would be needing the following week. The same for Late Pick Up. Thank you.
- ❖ You will have now got your child's lovely Halloween artwork, and maybe some other pieces the last couple of months. If you wish, please take home their 'All About Me' file and add any pictures you wish.

#### Cost of Living Crisis:

We appreciate and understand how difficult times are at the moment. As much as we need and appreciate the weekly school fund, we would not want parents to feel further financial pressure with the many other mounting bills. If you are experiencing financial worries, please speak to your class teacher. This would be kept in the strictest confidence.

## MARK THE DATE:

## **HOLY CROSS SANTA TRAIL**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm – 7:30pm



SPREAD THE WORD
TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

**EXTENDED SCHOOLS** (working parents & other schools drop offs)

Early Morning Drop off - 8:30am - 8:45am Late Pick-Up - 1.30pm - 2pm



# Looks who's 4 in November

Leon 2<sup>nd</sup>
Joey 18<sup>th</sup>
Krystal 29<sup>th</sup>