



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**

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**Reading and Writing Is Magic Week** has been packed full of activities and challenges, celebrating these life changing skills across the school. Year 5 welcomed a virtual visit from author Alex T. Smith, whilst Year 6 explored the rhymes we can find in nature to inspire some excellent writing. We also welcomed Cornish writer Ben Rowswell, who led some exciting assemblies for all. You can learn more about Ben and the work he does here: <http://www.cornwalladventure.co.uk>.

Thank you to all who donated to this year's **Poppy Appeal**. Together, you raised a whopping £339.41, all of which will go to support the Royal British Legion's valuable work. Thank you too for your recent contributions to the Bags2School appeal, raising valuable funds for the school. Our **Cracking Chrimbo Collection** is now up and running, with a table in the main entrance collecting any non-perishable Christmas goodies.



It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to **parent/carer meetings** this week, celebrating the progress your children have made so far this year. If for any reason you have not met with your child's teacher, please do get in touch so that we can arrange a time that works.

**Next Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will be holding our **Maths Workshops for parents and carers**, for Years 1-6. The session will begin in the hall at 9am with an introduction from Maths Leader Colin Jones. Following this, you will be invited to visit your child's class to explore how you can support mathematics at home. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Yesterday, you will have received an update in children's bags about how we must now respond to **unauthorised absences** of five days or more. Please do read this carefully, and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions at all. The wording we are asked to use does sound very formal, but please be assured that our **positive and warm relationship** with you, our parents and carers, is more important to us now than ever.

Our **Christmas Fair** is not far away, on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm**. Raffle tickets will be coming home with your child in the next few days, and we would gratefully appreciate any support here. As ever, all money raised from the fair goes to support fantastic opportunities for our pupils. Thank you.

Don't forget: this **autumn term finishes at 2pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. With no after school club running on this day.  
Thank you.

Finally, I'll leave you with these images of top-notch citizenship at work. Year 2's reading buddies stepped in to help them create these incredible castle models. Well done, everyone!



Best wishes,

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