

Friday 13 November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a difficult week with the closure of Reception, Y1 and Y2 bubbles. As you know, this was the result of positive cases in the school. I can assure you that we take every precaution at the school to ensure the safety of staff and children—staggered start and end times, compulsory face masks, one-way systems, regular hand washing and hand sanitising, etc.—and we will continue to be rigorous in our efforts. Working together we can minimise the risk to our community. It is imperative at this time that the children that have been sent home are isolating to reduce the risk to our community. Reception, Y1 and Y2 teachers are working from home to support online learning for these children, it is vital that these children do not fall behind and the teachers will make every effort to support their learning. If you have any questions then please contact your child's class teacher. We wish these children and parents good luck, and look forward to welcoming you all back very soon.

Y3 and Y4 continue to operate as usual and they have had a good day! It was great to see so many of them in outfits related to Children in Need, and we thank parents and carers for their donations to this worthy cause. Page 3 of this newsletter has images of the day!

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## KEY DATES 2020/21

### Autumn Term 2020

**Friday 13 November**  
Children in Need Day—  
children dress up

**Friday 11 December**  
Xmas Jumper Day

**Friday 18 December**  
Students' last day of term  
holidays—school closes at  
12pm

**Monday 4 January**  
Staff training day—school  
closed

**Tuesday 5 January**  
Children return to school

*\*Dates may be added or  
amended as necessary*

## ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Buttercup	94.0%
Bluebell	96.8%
Daisy	95.2%
Daffodil	95.9%
Sunflower	95.1%
Poppy	99.0%
Carnation	95.6%
Orchid	93.1%

Congratulations to Poppy Class who are our attendance award winners this week with 99.0% attendance! The class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of Autumn Term will receive a special prize.

Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve at school. Good attendance at school is one of the key indicators of educational success for a child throughout their school life, so make it a priority to get your child to school every day. Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**



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## STAR OF THE WEEK

Unfortunately, due to the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 bubbles being sent home yesterday, we were unable to present the Star Of The Week winners with their certificates.

Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Dexter! Dexter has really impressed us with his enthusiasm and knowledge about our new topic, 'Space'. Dexter is able to name all of the planets in the solar system in the correct order. He has also created some wonderful space themed drawings - he has a real artistic flare. Well done, Dexter!

Zayan was awarded Star of the Week in Daisy Class for being a super role model and trying particularly hard in his phonics lessons this week. Well done, Zayan, keep it up!

Star of the Week in Buttercup Class is Crina-Cristina! Crina-Cristina has been very creative in class and made some lovely patterns. Ms Mills and the other teachers are very proud of Crina-Cristina, well done!

Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Sophia F. Sophia has been working extremely hard on practising her Set 2 sounds with Miss Fallows. She has also shown excellent independence when using strategies to solve subtraction problems this week. Well done, Sophia F!



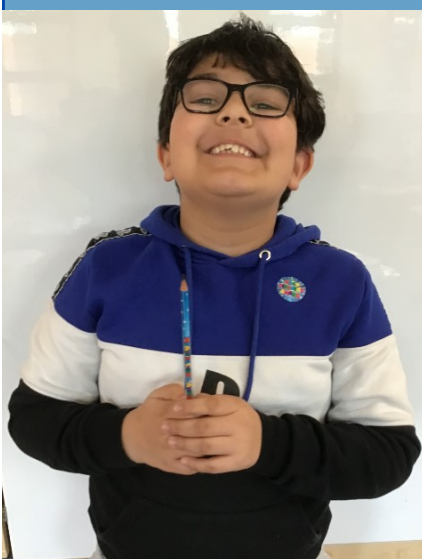
The Star of the Week in Daffodil Class is Caitlin! Caitlin has been showing great engagement in class discussions and has been working hard in challenging herself to do better. Great job, Caitlin!

Our Star of the Week this week is Ziva. She has set a good example for Poppy Class by doing the right thing. She has also wowed us in her RWI Comprehension lessons, where she used lots of adjectives and similes to describe her saying good-bye to her bedroom. Fantastic work, Ziva!

In Carnation Class, our Star of the Week is Chimamanda! Congratulations to Chimamanda for excellent use of descriptive language in literacy. Keep up the hard work!

Star of the Week in Orchid Class is Poppy! Poppy has consistently been an outstanding role model to year 4 and is also working hard to improve her confidence when reading aloud to adults! Well done, Poppy! Keep up the hard work and great use of expression!

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Anyla won a Headteacher Award for working super hard in Phonics this week. She used lots of adjectives and similes to describe what happened in the story. Brilliant work, Anyla!

Kainat has been setting an excellent example to her classmates this week, and has been showing great focus and effort in all lessons. Well done!

Zaid has shown real determination and a fantastic attitude to his learning. Zaid is working extremely hard within both Literacy and Maths, developing his confidence to work independently! Well done, Zaid, keep up the hard work!

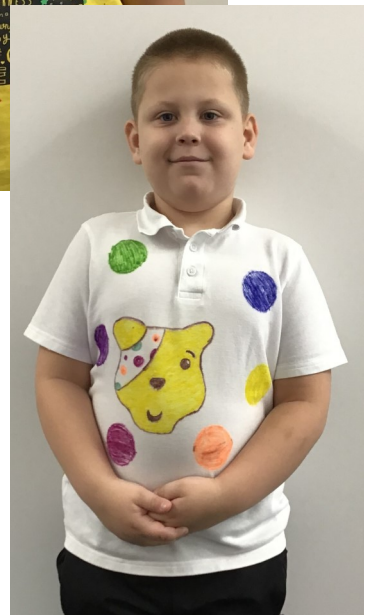
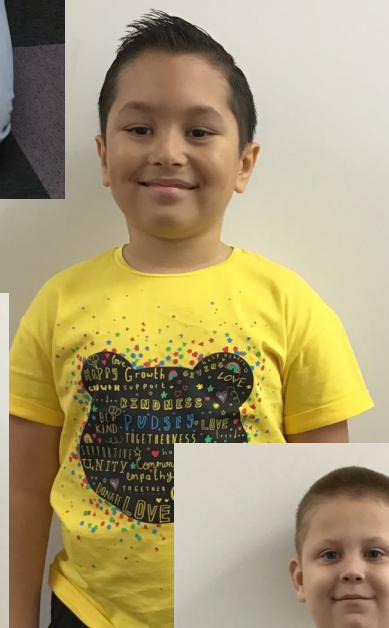


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## CHILDREN IN NEED 2020

Thank you to all of the children that dressed up in aid of Children In Need. We were very impressed with all of the bright, spotty outfits! We appreciate all of the donations that were handed in today and we were able to raise £63 for such a worthy cause.

Children In Need work in communities across the UK and their mission is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential. They accomplish this by funding local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive.



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## CURRICULUM CORNER—Y4

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

On Wednesday 11th November, many paid their respects by taking part in the National 2 minute silence in order to reflect on those who lost their lives in the war. Concordia Academy also took part in this and discussed other ways we could show our respects.

Orchid class have been exploring different poems and a few have written a haiku poem in honour of this:

The Holy silence,  
We remember the violence,  
Don't let us see more.  
Tavia – Year 4

We sat in silence,  
Thinking of how poppies grew,  
And how war ended  
Maya – Year 4

The holy silence,  
We should remember the violence,  
They have saved our lives  
Ayush – Year 4

Orchid Class have also had a go at drawing poppies, that are now displayed in class to show our respects.



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