



## Infant School Newsletter Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2016

Thank you to everyone that was able to come to the Reading Breakfast and Open Morning. We hope that you enjoyed the pastries and seeing the school during a normal working morning!

This week we will be;

- Learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated
- Reading the story of Rama and Sita
- Writing a description of a scene focusing on different descriptive vocabulary
- Developing different addition strategies
- Working our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Balancing and moving in different ways in gymnastics
- Sounding out and blending in phonics
- Investigating in science

### Firework Night

We hope that you are all looking forward to Overstone's Firework display on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of November. The PTA are still looking for some volunteers to help with the evening. If you can spare some time please speak to the office for more details.

### Poppies

Year 6 children will be coming round next week selling poppies to the children. If your child would like to purchase one they can bring in money and give it to their teacher for safe keeping first thing in the morning. The prices are as follows: paper poppy- small donation, poppy band- £1, poppy slap band and metal band- £2.

### Open Classrooms- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November

All of the pupils have worked very hard this term and are looking forward to showing their family around during the open classroom. The children will be able to show you the work in their book and the artwork displayed in the classroom. You can also visit other classes in the school. We ask that you only view the work of your child. Please note: this is not a parent consultation, if you wish to discuss anything formally with your class teacher they will be more than happy to arrange a meeting after school.

### Guided Reading

Whilst we would love to hear the children read individually on a weekly basis, it would take about 5 hours a week to hear each child read; and the constraints of the new curriculum are such that the teachers are constantly teaching high quality lessons to the children throughout the day and the time to hear them read individually is incredibly limited. To ensure that the children are heard read on a weekly basis and are taught the skills of reading such as: speech bubbles, speech marks, ellipsis, bold, italics, reading for an audience etc. the class teacher hears the children read during guided reading sessions. This provides high quality teaching of reading whilst, at the same time, allowing them to hear your child read.

Please continue to hear your child read on a daily basis at home. This is part of their weekly homework and, as part of our morning routine we do ask the children to change their books once read at home. If you are having any issues where your child does not want to read at home, please let us know and we will endeavour to help you! Many thanks.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of November - Parents' Phonics Information session (more information to follow)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need Pyjama Dress Up Day

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November- Open Classrooms

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If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

The Infant School team