

## **Newsletter**

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### **World Kindness day:**

We celebrated World Kindness day today by having a not so secret flashmob dance in the school. Thank you to all the parents who were able to send their child in with a yellow or orange top to represent a life jacket which helps keep kindness afloat! Please have a look at our twitter feed to see some video footage of the dances.

### **Parent consultations:**

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their parent consultation request slips for the week beginning November 23rd. A further letter went out on Wednesday with your actual appointment times. As you know, this year, we have to do all the appointments by phone. Please remember: a. each appointment is strictly for 10 minutes only, b. to have your phone nearby at the time of the appointment and c. that if the teacher is using their own phone it will appear as "no caller ID" on your phone.

### **Remembrance day:**

Wednesday (11th November) was Remembrance day. We marked the occasion with a two minute's silence in the play ground and the classrooms. I was so impressed with the children's ability to show two of our school values, compassion and respect.

### **Anti bullying week:**

Next week we will be focusing on anti bullying which of course ties in with our focus value of resilience. All children will have an in class assembly and take part in activities produced by the anti bullying alliance around this year's theme of "United against bullying".

### **Latest lockdown guidance:**

Schools have received guidance about what to do in light of the latest national lockdown. For primary schools there is very little difference from before. We are open to all, face masks are not required on site and regular outside providers (such as our dance teacher and PE coach) can still attend. Clinically extremely vulnerable people are advised not to attend but we do not have any children or adults in the school who are in that category. Please also remember the previous guidance about child care provision: The following people can provide childcare support in private homes and gardens:

- registered childcare providers, including nannies
- people in your support bubble
- people in your childcare bubble

A childcare bubble is where someone in one household provides informal (unpaid and unregistered) childcare to a child aged 13 or under in another household. **For any given childcare bubble, this must always be between the same 2 households. Friends or family who do not live with you and are not part of a support or childcare bubble must not visit your home to help with childcare. Childcare bubbles are to be used to provide childcare only, and not for the purposes of different households mixing where they are otherwise not allowed to do so.**

## **Thought for the week:**

**DON'T LET ANYONE'S  
IGNORANCE, HATE,  
DRAMA OR NEGATIVITY  
STOP YOU FROM BEING  
THE BEST PERSON YOU  
CAN BE.**

*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Yours sincerely,*

*J. Burt, Executive Headteacher:*

**Week beginning 16th November—Anti bullying week**

**Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th November —Autumn term parent consultations *by phone***

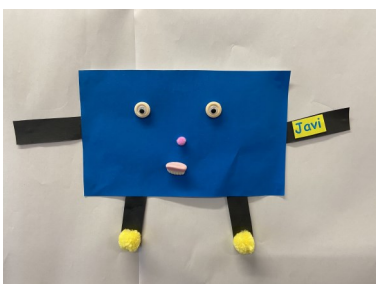
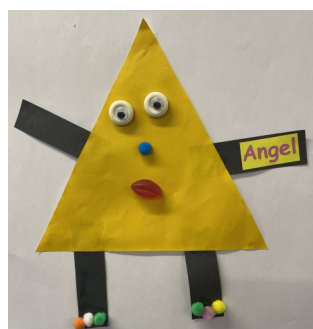
**Week beginning 7th December—class Christmas performances to be filmed and put on Google classroom**

***Friday 11th December—children's Christmas lunch***

***Friday 18th December—last day of Autumn 2.***

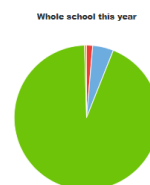
## Children's learning at Friars:

It's a bumper curriculum share from Nursery this week! Physical development, Expressive art and design, literacy, maths and understanding of the world are being promoted and taught all the time. To help them understand the story of Diwali, the children made clay diva pots and decorated them. When reading Handa's surprise they made their own pasta necklaces by dyeing the pasta and threading it on string (a tricky skill!). Also, when reading "The Greedy Triangle" the children learned about shapes and how they have different amounts of sides. They made their own shapes.



## Attendance:

Attendance for the whole school this year so far is **94.81%**. This is another improvement on the last figure before half term which is fantastic! Well done yet again to Y3 who are still currently the best attending class with an impressive **97.58%** attendance so far! A special mention should go out to Year 6 who are a close second with **97.35%**.



The green section of the pie chart shows the percentage of children who are in school.

# Stars of the week



## EYFS / Y1—Y3

### Y2—Lina

**for showing great understanding and being able to help others during our coding session in Computing**

### Y4-6

### Y4—Ameerah

**For doing a great design for her own Anglo Saxon brooch**

**Well done!**

## Values stars

Compassion	Sean Y6
Creativity	Dayli Y1
Endeavour	Fatima Y2
Resilience	Daniel Y3
Respect	Radiya Y4
Responsibility	Zak Y5

**Well done!**

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Commitment to keeping children safe:  
Paper copies of our safeguarding policy are available for parents from the school office. It is also posted on the policies section of the website.

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Our focus value for this half term:

**Resilience**

**Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment**

***Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility***