



PE Days

Nursery SG – Wednesday
 Reception GD– Wednesday
 Year 1 TY- Tuesday and Thursday
 Year 2 FN- Wednesday and Friday
 Year 3 MLK– Monday and Thursday
 Year 4 FWD– Tuesday and Wednesday
 Year 5 BR- Monday (PE) and Tuesday (Swimming)
 Year 6 MY– Tuesday and Friday

Act of Remembrance Service

We will be holding our act of remembrance service on Monday 11th November from 10:50am in the Memorial Garden. This is always a special day in the school calendar, where we welcome parents/carers and our friends from the DLI and the community.



No class news for:

Reception – GD – Grace Darling
 Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson

Dates for the Diary

Mon 11th November – Act of Remembrance 10:50am
 Fri 15th November – Children in Need (Spotty or Pyjamas)
 Thurs 21st November – Y4 Live Theatre Visit
Fri 29th November – Inset Day (No Children in school)
 Wed 3rd December – Y1-Y6 Panto Visit
 Fri 6th December – Non Uniform, bring a bottle day
 Wed 11th December – EY Nativity
 Thurs 12th December – Y4 Live Theatre Visit
 Fri 13th December – Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
 Monday 16th December – Christmas Fair from 1:30 – 3:30pm.
 Mon 16th December – Dress Rehearsal
 Tues 17th December – EY Party (AM)
 Tues 17th December – KS1 Nativity and KS2 Songs (PM)
 Wed 18th December - KS1 Nativity and KS2 Songs (AM)
 Wed 18th December – KS2 Party (PM)
 Thurs 19th December – KS1 Party (PM)
 Fri 20th December – Christingle 10am – 11am
 Fri 20th December – Head Teacher Award 1pm
 Fri 20th December – Last day of Autumn 2.

Children in Need

This year's CHILDREN IN NEED is on Friday the 15th of November. Children can come into school in anything spotty / pyjamas or normal school uniform if they wish with a 50p – £1.00 donation.

This year's theme is CHALLENGING YOURSELF. So, with this in mind, we are challenging children to use the time up until the 15th to set themselves a challenge. It can be as big or small as they wish e.g. learning to tie shoelaces, baking, running a mile or tackling a readathon! If they would then like to share pictures of themselves taking on their challenge – please send them over to the school messenger or email and we can share them in assembly on that Friday.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/children-in-need/whats-happening/>



Nursery – SG – Saint George

Greetings from Nursery. We have had a wonderful start to the term. Just sending a polite reminder if you have loaned any items from nursery to please return them as we have no spare socks and are short on girls' trousers/leggings. Thank you for your help in this matter. Also, as a reminder, we do not have Muddy Monster sessions on Fridays so you may dress your child in their normal uniform except this upcoming Friday the 15th which is our school Children in Need Day. Pupils are invited to wear Pudsey themed clothing or Pudsey pyjamas. One last item if we could please politely remind families if their child has been sick/diarrhoea, school policy asks they not attend until 48 hours after the last episode. Thank you for your help in these matters and see you next week.

Year 1 – TY – Thomas Young

Reminder -Please can all reading folders (clear folder containing reading books and yellow books) be brought into school every day. This will allow us to read with children throughout the week and leave a comment for you to read at home.

Learning to read is one of the most important skills in your child's life. Please read with your child at least 4 times per week and write a comment in their yellow books each time. This means that your child will get better at reading and they will get quicker at recognising sounds and words and be able to read with more fluency.

Please check your child's folder for two reading books. If your child does not have 2 reading books they will have a longer phonics book to read over the week. If your child has the longer phonics book please read one sound per night (read, write and blend).

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale

Forest school – Friday 7th, 15th and 22nd November is Y2's forest school. Please send children into school dressed in warm outdoor clothing, waterproof coat and suitable footwear. We will go to the woods AFTER lunch so children can wear trainers to come into school then change their footwear before we go to the woods. Children can bring a water bottle and small snack with them if they wish.

The Big Surprise Trip – On **Wednesday 11th December** Y2 will be going to Strathmore Church in Rowlands Gill from 9.30-11.30am for a festive trip linked to the Christmas Story. Most parents/carers have signed / returned their letters however some are still outstanding so new letters have been sent this week. If any parent / carer has not returned their letters, please can these be returned as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King

Your child will have their blue homework books back on Monday the 11th. This has any spellings from last half term that they now know highlighted – please continue to practice any that aren't highlighted alongside any new ones given. There are also new optional tasks which your child may like to complete – if they do, we'd love to see them! Please remember homework folders are due in on a **Friday** – thank you!

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson

Homework

Homework has restarted this week (maybe you saw the folder come home on Wednesday). Please help your child find a good time and place to complete the tasks. As last half-term, homework is due back on Monday so that we can then look through it together in class.

Library

Our class library session continues on Tuesdays. Children can take out a library book when we visit, providing they have returned their previous book by then.

Forest School

We have Forest school sessions on Friday 15 and 22 November. As the 15 November coincides with Children in Need (and we don't want to miss out on the fun), please arrange for your child to bring any Children in Need clothes into school in a bag and we'll get changed once we're back from the woods and have had lunch. That way no-one will be going home in muddy pajamas!

Pickle Palace

Looking ahead, we have Pickle Palace sessions coming up with Hannah in December. It would be amazing if you were able to join us! The two dates are Wednesday 4 and 11 December. Please let our office know if you would like to take part, stating which date you would prefer.

Robinwood 2025

Please can we ask that all parents respond to the email about Robinwood by Friday 15th November to say whether you WOULD or WOULD NOT like a place. We need numbers to be able to work out whether we can take 1 or 2 groups.

Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai

Act of Remembrance: This year, Y6 will be more involved than ever with the Act of Remembrance on Monday 11th November. Three of our children will be reading the Flanders Fields poem and two of our children will be helping lay wreaths as part of the service. Our school councillors will be working in the annexe alongside Mrs Scott and some of our visitors creating a giant poppy. Our class will also be responsible for positioning 100 metal poppies in the memorial garden.

Homework: just a reminder that this comes out on a Wednesday and is expected to be completed and back in school on a Monday when we mark this work together.

Website – Our new look website is now live, this will be updated regularly. Check it out at www.highspenprimary.org

If you would like a paper copy of this letter for your fridge please call to the office and collect one.