

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable half term and that the children managed to have a rest after an action packed first half term. We had a productive start to the week with our Inset day on Monday. Our Year 1 and 2 teachers had the opportunity to review and update the writing curriculum and Reception teachers continued work on the new Nursery Rhyme sessions that have been introduced this year.

Tuesday was a busy start to the new term with the introduction of our first Maths Workshops for Reception parents. The Reception team have designed the sessions to give parents a greater understanding of how we support children to gain a deep understanding of number. The children joined parents and engaged in a carousel of practical activities, which we hope will support maths learning at home. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to the Reception team for planning such an engaging workshop. We look forward to welcoming Bumblebee parents next week.

Our new value for November is 'Freedom' and in assembly we have been learning all about why we wear poppies. I know that many of the children will be taking part in parades, services and wreath laying events locally this Remembrance Sunday. Please do share any photographs that you take for us to share in assembly next week.

Catching children doing the right thing and marking it with positive acknowledgement is not only kind, it teaches behaviour. We know that you get more of the behaviour you notice most. Next Thursday and Friday we will be having a special 'Positive Noticing' event at Oatlands. We will be sharing more information on Dojo next week and how you can get involved.

We hope you have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday. Please remember that school **starts punctually at 8:50am.**

Tanya Mooney

### **Key Dates Next Week**

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school -Perform drama workshops
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 First Aid workshops
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-6:45 Reception Parents- Literacy evening
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wear own clothes to school for GOSH
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school- Positive Noticing days

### **Reception Maths Workshops**

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:15-10:00 -Bumblebee Class maths workshop
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### **Forest School**

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bumblebee Class
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ladybird Class
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Butterfly Class

### **Own-Clothes Day in Support of Great Ormond Street Hospital**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November we invite all children to come in wearing their own clothes in return for a donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital. One of our former students, George is currently under the care of GOSH and we are delighted to be able to support his family and the hospital with this fundraising. For click [HERE](#) (PDF

FILE) to read George's letter explaining why supporting GOSH is important to him and look out for more information after half-term.

### **Harvest Donations**

Thank you to all of our kind Oatlands families for your generous foodbank donations. You donated a huge 119.45kg for Runnymede Foodbank, who said your donations will go a long way in helping people in crisis this year.

### **Safeguarding Notice**

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL). DSL- Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher. DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Grindle, Oscar Manager and Nurture Lead.