

We've had such an exciting few weeks and the new children joining us at Dame Catherine's have settled in very well.

Our News

- From next half term we will be trialing offering lunches 2 days a week, in addition to the potatoes on Wednesdays.

Mondays : cottage pie (vegetarian) £18 for 6 weeks

Fridays : pasta (vegetarian) £15 for 5 weeks (as one Friday will be Christmas dinner)

Order forms will go out on the first day of next half term.

- After the fundraising meeting last week, we're keen to include updates from this group on the newsletters – so see the first installment below.
- We are running a 'fun club' for 5 weeks next half term on Monday evenings 4pm – 5pm. This will be a 'Christmas cooking club.' Children of all ages are welcome to join us to make a variety of Christmas treats. Dates of sessions are Monday 12th, 19th, 26th November and Monday 10th and 17th December. There will not be a session on Monday 3rd December due to this being our open evening. We are trialing the idea of varied half termly activities after school. Cost of sessions will vary according to activity, but due to buying ingredients for cooking, this particular club is £4 per session. We can cater for a maximum of 10 children, so places will be on a first come first serve basis. Please book places with Jane and pay £20 for the sessions in advance.

What's been happening in school?



We've been working together this week to look at what happened in the Great War. Class 2 investigated the causes and performed a little sketch for the other children. All children had an afternoon of forest school activities on Monday including making willow poppies, making crosses and decorating a big poppy with berries and leaves.

A spontaneous event this week, led by the children, has been making hedgehog houses and they have been beavering away during breaktimes to create these.

We've been privileged to learn about Deb's family members from 100 years ago, through the letters sent by her great grandad who died in the war. Her great uncle's memoirs have provided us with some fascinating information about the war, but also about the school, which he came to.

We're proud of our poppies made from plastic bottles!

Our cooking and baking has had varied success. The trench cake needed to be renamed trench biscuit, we thought.



Fundraising team news (update from Bria)

- Please remember the Halloween Party on Friday 26th October. Instead of just a disco, this year we have planned lots of exiting activities such as pumpkin carving, cake pop making, (maybe playing on our new play equipment, weather depending), and much more! Tickets are £5, this includes ALL activities, food and drinks! There will also be Halloween goodies to buy (NO neon swords this time!) so please bring pocket money :)
- We have purchased some 'football' scratch cards. You don't have to be into football to take part! It is a bit like a 'guess the name of the teddy' thing! The idea is, that you pick a team for the half term (£1 per week, per team) and at the end of each week the winning team is revealed. The winner will get £20. there will be a list of teams put up in the library so please sign up! This will begin the week commencing 12th November and run for 6 weeks until the week beginning 17th December. £1 per team per week – so £6 for a team till Christmas.
- Quiz night is back! (and better than ever!) Tickets are £5, this includes your quiz, a jacket potato and filling, and a couple of rounds of chocolate bingo! **Friday 16th November**. Please gather your teams and let Bria know numbers. (Please feel free to bring family and friends along to join your teams)
- The next meeting is on Wednesday 7th November after school.

Reminders and requests

- Please remember to return your ice-skating slips to Bria. She needs a list of people by the 9th November and although this seems like ages away, it needs to be in by the Friday back after half term. **The visit is on Tues 11th December 5pm – 6pm** (children available to collect from 3.30pm)
- Let us know by tomorrow whether your child is able to support us and the local community by taking part in the end of WW1 commemorative concert on Friday 9th November (the letter on orange coloured paper we sent out.)
- If you haven't already, please make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school for after the holidays, which they can leave in school. Thank you.
- Please remember to send children with healthy snacks. We have a break in the morning and afternoon. On Fridays lunch is a little later, so we give children the chance to have a snack before they go swimming.

Dates for your diary

Coming up....

Tuesday 13th November 3.20pm : Family celebration assembly (village hall)

Fri 16th November : Disney and Pudsey dress up day (Children in Need and Mickey's 90th birthday)

Fri 16th November : Quiz night

We return to school on Wednesday 7th November.

Have a great half term break !

