

## Newsletter – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Families,

It's been a typically varied week in school: a terrific class assembly by Horse Chestnut Class on Wednesday was a real highlight for all the school and their parents/carers who made it in to watch. For more snippets from school, please see our Facebook links later on.

### Remembrance Day

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, we marked Remembrance Day at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour in school today with a brief assembly, minute's silence and the playing of Last Post and The Rouse. The children (and members of the public who were passing by) observed the silence beautifully. Representatives of the school council have taken our wreath up to the cenotaph outside Starbeck school.



### Arrivals and lateness

I have had various constructive conversations with parents and carers regarding our recent tweaks to drop-off times. I've also spoken with Paul Robinson-Ripley, our local police officer, to monitor traffic pressures around drop-off time. As yet he has no cause for concern, but will continue to work closely with us should any risks arise.

**We will always keep an open mind and review our procedures if there is a good reason to do so.** Thank you to those of you who have sought clarification so far.

The majority of pupils are arriving on time (**i.e. before 8.45am**) and entering the school calmly and happily but a significant number are arriving late (e.g. 26 pupils - nearly 9% - were late this morning), which has a ripple effect on learning and calm starts to the day across the school for everyone. We are carefully monitoring lateness patterns to allow us to best support families to be on time.

**5 minutes missed each day = 2.5 school days missed per year**

**10 minutes missed each day = 5 school days missed per year**

### School Snippets – see Facebook links for photos/more details

- Horse Chestnut – Class Assembly – awesome!

<https://www.facebook.com/HookstoneChasePrimarySchool/posts/129215423261662>

- Sports Numeracy with Year 3/4

<https://www.facebook.com/HookstoneChasePrimarySchool/posts/129262679923603>

- Reception/Year 1: Dressing up for Diwali

<https://www.facebook.com/HookstoneChasePrimarySchool/posts/129252269924644>

- Remembrance Day

<https://www.facebook.com/HookstoneChasePrimarySchool/posts/129550176561520>

## Staff Car Park

After some safety concerns for pupils in a busy area, this is a gentle reminder that the staff car park should only be used by blue badge holders and specific families who have been given express permission by school. **Do please ask the office for clarification if you are unsure about whether this applies to you.**

## Online Safety

We have identified a number of children who are engaging in risky behaviours online, including using WhatsApp (**age restricted 16+**), SnapChat (**age restricted 13+**), TikTok (**age restricted 13+**) and Instagram (**13+ recommended**). Whilst we understand that some online incidents between children are monitored and resolved at home between their parents/carers, they often spill over into school where we only have part of the full picture. We hope to organise more family education around safe online behaviours soon. In the meantime, do please take a few minutes to read this very quick guide:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Internet-Matters-Guide-Online-safety.pdf>

## Quick reminders:

- **Medical/dental appointments** - try to arrange appointments out of school hours where possible.
- **Years 3 – 6: Design a Christmas Card Competition (Andrew Jones, MP)** - Please see attachment for more competition details. We will collate entries at school on **Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>** to take up to his constituency office together.
- **‘This May Help’** - Mental Health Support for parents/carers: <https://thismayhelp.me/>

## Dates

- November 16<sup>th</sup> (9.10 – 9.40am)\* – Class assembly: Maple **(all parents and carers of Maple class are invited to come into school)**

**\*please note the change of date from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November for Maple’s class assembly**

- November 18<sup>th</sup> – individual/sibling photos
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need: sports events
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> (4.30 – 5.00pm) – Hookstone Chase Community Forum (focus: reports/parents’ evenings)
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> (9.10 – 9.40am)\* – Class assembly: Oak **(all parents and carers of Oak class are invited to come into school)**

**\*please note the change of date from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November for Oak’s class assembly**

- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Choir Concert at Harrogate International Centre
- December 7<sup>th</sup> - 2.15pm – Nativity play for Reception and Year 1
- December 8<sup>th</sup>– 2.15pm – Nativity play for Reception and Year 1
- December 13<sup>th</sup>– 9.30 am – 10.00am - Y2’s Christmas Story
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)
- December 15<sup>th</sup>– 2.30pm – 3.00pm - Y2’s Christmas Story

Wishing you all a restful weekend and hoping you can all enjoy the mild weather.

Best wishes,

Mr Cooper