# 10th November of the Newsletter







### Message from Headteacher

#### Remembrance Service

We held our annual school Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November.

It is so important to us in school that we do this so that children give thanks to the soldiers who have sacrificed so much for our country Children recognised music by Sir Edward Elgar as they arrived into the hall bringing their class poppy wreathes.







It was wonderful to welcome so many children into school wearing their Beaver, Cub, Brownie, Scouts and Guide uniforms to commemorate this very special event.

Each class poppy wreath had a message from the class and these were read aloud before children placed their wreath on our school Cenotaph. Pupils read beautifully and responded so well, listening to the story of Noel Chavasse, one of only three soldiers who have ever been awarded two Victoria Cross medals for courage. (Ask your child to tell you what they know about him!)

At the end of the service, we held a two minutes silence which was observed impeccably by every single child, from Reception to Year 6. I cannot say how proud I am of our school family. Your children are full of love and compassion. They showed their respect for the soldiers with such thoughtfulness and respect.

Thank you to all who have bought poppies and merchandise in support of the poppy appeal.

If you would like to see our school cenotaph and read the messages from classes for the soldiers, we are moving it to the front of school. Please feel free to pop in next week and have a look.















#### Message from Headteacher (continued)

#### Message from the Punctuality & Attendance Crew

For the five weeks running up to the Christmas break starting from Monday 13th November, we are holding a golden ticket bonanza.

If you are in school every day on time every week, you will earn not one but two golden tickets in the draw every week. This means more chances to win.

We will also draw out extra winners during the week before Christmas! We will have 8 winners, not just the usual four! More tickets = more chances to be pulled out as a winner!

We are also planning a special competition starting in January. We will let you know more about the January Attendance Slam Dunk very soon!



We open our gates before the start of the school day so that children may socialize sensibly with their friends, in order to support them in starting the school day feeling calm, happy and settled.

I have noticed a number of children arriving after the gates have closed. As working mum, I understand that mornings can be very busy! However, please may I respectfully urge parents and carers to ensure that their children arrive at school before the whistle is blown on the playground.

If your child arrives at school after 9am, a L Code (Late) will be registered. If your child arrives at school after 9.20am, a U Code will be registered. The U code does affect the overall percentage attendance and so is a cause for concern.

#### Kindness Week

This week we have 'filled the world with kindness' for World Kindness Week! We have a striking display of a large world in the School Hall. The blue sea represents those who have given out kindness to others or spotted others giving it out. The green land is all the times we have preserved even when things are tricky.

Wow! What an amazing whole school effort. As always, the children have really let their light shine.



#### Women's Super League Football

The Barclays Women's Super League very kindly gifted us some free tickets for last Sunday's match between Liverpool and Leicester City at Prenton Park.

Some lucky takers had a blast watching Liverpool's victorious 2 - 1 win! well done ladies!



#### **Christmas Dinner**

Our wonderful Catering Team will be cooking up a festive storm on Wednesday 6th December. If your child would like to order a traditional Christmas lunch, please fill in the survey on School Spider before 3pm on Friday 10th November and make a lunch payment of £2.70 via the School Gateway app (unless your child is in Reception, Key Stage 1 or in receipt of Free School Meals).

Please note that the Christmas Lunch is pre-order only as we have to order the turkey in advance. We cannot take orders after the deadline of the 10th November. There will not be any jacket potatoes available on the day however our Catering Team will have a selection of sandwiches available for those who do not enjoy roast dinners.



#### **Ambitions**



#### Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need

We are supporting BBC's Children in Need campaign on Friday 17th November, raising funds for children less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their own clothes with a spotty theme and we are asking families to donate if they can.

The suggested donation is 50p, payable on the School Gateway app, however please feel free to give what you can.



Non-Uniform Day for our PTA



1ST DECEMBER AND TO SUPPORT THIS, WE ARE INVITING PUPILS TO COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR OWN CLOTHES ON FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER IN RETURN FOR A DONATION TO THE RAFFLE.

WE WOULD WARMLY WELCOME DONATIONS SUCH AS BOXES OF CHOCOLATE AND CONFECTIONERY, OR UNUSED TOILETRY AND

DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL WITH PUPILS ON THE

#### **Sports News**

Year 1 and Year 2 children participated in a joint schools event with 5 other primary schools at Ellesmere Port Sports Village earlier this week.

All the children had great fun participating in a range of sport activities including speed ladders, bean bag throws and many more. They conducted themselves admirably and were confident, independent pupils. They competed in team events and supported and encourage each other in the games. We were very proud to see all our pupils showing motivation and resilience. Year 1 had a lovely morning taking part in a multi skills intracompetition.







What a Saturday morning! Despite the rain, we had a record turnout for the cross country. We had 20 runners from Key Stage 2 who all completed the grueling course. They were all still smiling at the end and we were extremely proud of them. In the Year 6 race, every other runner was representing our school which was brilliant to watch. We also had some fantastic results and many children who were showing great improvement.

Thank you and congratulations to all the runners!

Year 3: Arianwen (1st), Irina, Eric, Xander (5th)

Year 4: Alice, Niall (2nd), Logan

Year 5: Joseph, Francesca, Alice (3rd), Maisy (4th)

Year 6: Phoebe (4th), Leon (1st), Alex, Thinura, Najeeb, Rupert, Henry, Finlay, Atharva





#### Road Saftey Competition Winners



October's Junior Safety Competition winners were announced this week, with each winner receiving a prize. Congratulations to Ella, Hettie, Monty, Arianwen, Esmae and Layla-Rose who were winners in the recent Road Safety competition, pictured with Azra and Caleb, our Road Safety Officers!

This month's competition is to design a poster encouraging people to choose a safe place to cross the road, The best posters and slogans will be displayed outside school during Road Safety Week which is 19th to 25th November.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We are supporting the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 6th December, raising funds for children less fortunate than ourselves. Children are invited to wear their festive gear and we are asking families to donate if they can.

The suggested donation is £1 however please feel free to give what you can.



#### **Scarecrow Competition Winners**

Year 5's Ben D was the overall winner of the Scarecrow colouring Competition with the most voted for picture!

Harry M from Reception and Vova K from Year 2, both won the prize drawer. They were all presented with a chocolaty treat in last week's assembly. Well done everyone!



### Letting Their Light Shine!

Phoebe has achieved her level 5 proficiency award at gymnastics!

Avid reader, Iknoor, completed the Chester Library Ready, Set, read Challenge!

Sofia M passed her level 2 in swimming!

Mateo plays for Chester Nomads and was awarded Man of the Match after he scored 2 goals!

William from Year 3 was mascot for Burnley FC versus Crystal Palace last Saturday. At the start of the game he also stood alongside the pitch with the other mascots for the one minute silence for Armistice Day. He behaved impeccably and was a real credit to us all.

Congratulations to all our pupils who participated in the House of Dance show at the Storyhouse in Chester last Sunday. They worked so hard on stage, in rehearsal and backstage, performing several dances!

Jacob has worked hard to progress to his purple belt and Alfie, progressed to red belt in their martial arts clubs!

Elsie progressed to her level 8 in her gymnastics!

Oliver achieved Star of the Week at Streetdance Club last week!





## Key Dates

Monday 13th November	Year 4 trip to Ebeneezer Church
Friday 17th November	Non-Uniform Day: Children in Need
Thursday 23rd November	Pupil Photographs
Thursday 23rd November	House of Hoole Meeting 8.30am
Friday 24th November	Non-Uniform Day: PTA
Wednesday 29th November	Year 5 Trip
Friday 1st December	PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 6th December	Year 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11th December	Reception Nativity 10-11am
Wednesday 13th December	KS1 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church
Wednesday 13th December	Year 5 Christmas Party
Thursday 14th December	KS2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church
Friday 15th December	Year 6 Christmas Party
Friday 15th December	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Spring Term Begins

## West Cheshire Athletic Club Schools Cross Country Race Series 2023/24

At Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port,

Registration from 9.30am for school years 3 & 4
And from 10am for school years 5-8.
First Race Starts at 10am.

Dates of Fixtures: Saturday, October 7 Saturday, November 4 Saturday, November 18 Saturday, December 9

Race Order for the following Girls and Boys year groups: Year Three, Year Four, Year Five, Year Six, Year Seven, Year Eight.

Medals will be presented to the first three finishers in each race.

The first three finishers from each school in each race will count as a team towards a team score based on their positions, and the team event will be held over four rounds.

Awards will also be presented to the top three finishers overall in each age group after four rounds.

Each pupil from each school will be provided with a race number which should be attached to the front of their T-shirt/vest.

Each participating school should provide a representative/parent/team manager at each round.

Further details from Dennis Wall at West Cheshire AC.

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# Calling all members of the Chester Community!

Come and join us for a

# Citizens Advice Pop-Up Workshop

#### We will be looking at:

- The current support available to help you to reduce your outgoings
- Ways to maximise your income
- Simple energy saving tricks to reduce how much energy you are using
- Any individual questions you might have

WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2023, 9 - 11AM

THE LEARNING AND SKILLS HUB

at Hoole Primary School

(School Hall entrance)

If you can't attend but still want support, call us on 0808 164 4406 or text us via WhatsApp 07360 546 111, or visit www.citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk/energy-advice

Arrive from 8:50am for free refreshments











We are looking for you to use your IMAGINATION!

Please design your Christmas cards on square paper and make them BRIGHT and COLOURFUL. Get (REATIVE, make it FUN and FESTIVE!

Use mixed media such as: paints, glitters, felt tip pens, stickers, collage papers, crayons, buttons, googly eyes, string and ribbons.



