



## Uniform Policy

We have made a slight change to our uniform policy: this means that children can wear plain black ankle boots without a heel. Thank you to Evie Whittaker for writing a lovely letter pointing out how girls' tights and socks were getting wet during the day. The updated uniform policy can be viewed on our website.

## Outdoor Education

What an exciting week for the Y3 and Y4 children! On Tuesday, Topaz Y3s went canoeing at Borwick and had a lovely time on the canal. Emerald Y3s will have the same experience next Tuesday.

Our Y4 children have had an unforgettable experience this week. Their days out included ghyll scrambling, rock climbing, waterfall scrambling and caving. The children were all very brave and met every challenge head on.

We are very happy to have been able to use our sports premium funding to pay for these trips. We will also be funding outdoor education experiences for Reception, Y1 and Y2 – we are planning these as we speak. We are also in discussions to organise a two day outdoor experience for Y5 children. This will be delayed until the summer term in the hope that this can involve an overnight stay. This trip will be subsidised by sports premium money to reduce the costs for parents.

The Y6 trip to Robin Wood is booked for July and deposits are now due. Please ring if you need to speak to anyone about this.

## Remembrance Day

Hopefully you have all had a chance to watch the Remembrance Day video on our Facebook page. It was lovely to see all children and staff involved in making this and showing respect to our fallen soldiers.

There is also a lovely display on the grass outside school as well. Well done to Mrs France and our Wraparound Care club for putting this together.

## Christmas

We are currently investigating the possibility of making a nativity video that we will be able to send to parents. We will be sending out video permission forms so look out for these.

We are also taking part in the Caton advent calendar – keep an eye out for our window display.

We will be having a Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day on Friday 18 December. All children will eat their lunch in the hall in their bubbles on this day. Order forms will be sent out nearer the time.

## Covid-19 procedures

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who have supported our risk assessment by wearing masks on site. Please try and remember these for pick up and drop off. Even with the more positive news this week about vaccines etc. we still need to ensure social distancing and other measures to keep children, parents and staff safe.



## Shoeboxes

We are hoping to fill a few more shoeboxes from school with items kindly donated. If you have anything else at home would like to send in for shoeboxes please do so by the end of next week. Any full shoeboxes should also be brought to school by the end of next week. Thank you so much for all your donations.

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for their donations to Children in Need. This is a very worthy cause and your contributions will make a great difference.

## Christmas card / gift orders

Orders have arrived in school and will be sent home with your child today or Monday.

## VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week. They have all shown Courage in their everyday lives

Diamond – Austin for his fantastic knowledge of Remembrance and his confidence to share.

Ruby – Luca for his enthusiasm and excellent attitude to learning.

Topaz – Harriet for being brave when canoeing.

Emerald – Emilie for being fantastic reader and growing in confidence.

Sapphire – Archie for contributing more in class discussions, your confidence is growing! Amazing!

Amethyst – Thomas for being a mature, hardworking and thoughtful member of Amethyst class.

VIP hoodies are taken home by a staff member to be washed over the weekend. These are then returned on Monday for the new VIPs to wear for the week.