

Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to thank you all for your kindness, support and understanding as we continue our journey through grief. Areez's celebration of life took place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, it was an opportunity for us to remember Areez, in a beautiful gathering and look back on photographs of special moments in his life. His friends from Blue Class shared their memories and we were so proud of those who attended as they behaved impeccably throughout. During the day I was reminded of the importance of strong relationships between school and families, we all want the best for the children and need to work together during both happy and difficult times. This is something that has always been important to us as a school but it is something I think we all need to be more mindful of.

## Remembrance Day

We have also taken some time to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. Each class has created a poppy wreath and we carried out a two-minute silence on the playground today.



## Class Assemblies

This week Yellow Class participated in an amazing assembly about Remembrance Day. The children recited poems, sang a song about peace and showed their beautiful poppy artwork. Class assemblies will start promptly at 9:20 and may last around 30 minutes. Unfortunately photographs and video recordings will not be permitted during the assembly but there will be an opportunity for this at the end of the assembly.

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Red Class
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Gold Class
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Green Class
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Indigo Class
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Violet Class
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Blue Class
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Rainbow 1
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rainbow 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbow 3

## Chicken Pox

At present we have a number of children with chicken pox in school. Please remember to call the school and let us know the reason for your child's absence. If it is due to chicken pox your child will need to stay at home for at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.

## School Development Plan

Each year we create a school development plan that contains a range of areas for development. The areas are based on factors the Senior Leadership Team feel we need to focus on and any areas identified by external reviews such as Ofsted and Challenge partners. The three main areas of focus this year will be:

- Reading – We will be enhancing our reading culture, further monitoring of regular reading in school, tracking the progress of all readers with a particular focus on the lowest 20% of readers.
- Reasonable adjustments in the classroom – We will be providing staff with further training in reasonable adjustments, exploring the use of technology and communication software to support this.
- Enhancing our enrichment opportunities – We will be mapping out the activities that will widen the children's experiences and hopefully broaden their horizons.

The school will also continue to work on enhancing the curriculum, supporting our curriculum coordinators to lead their subjects effectively and continue to provide high quality coaching for all of our teachers to embed our teaching and learning strategies.

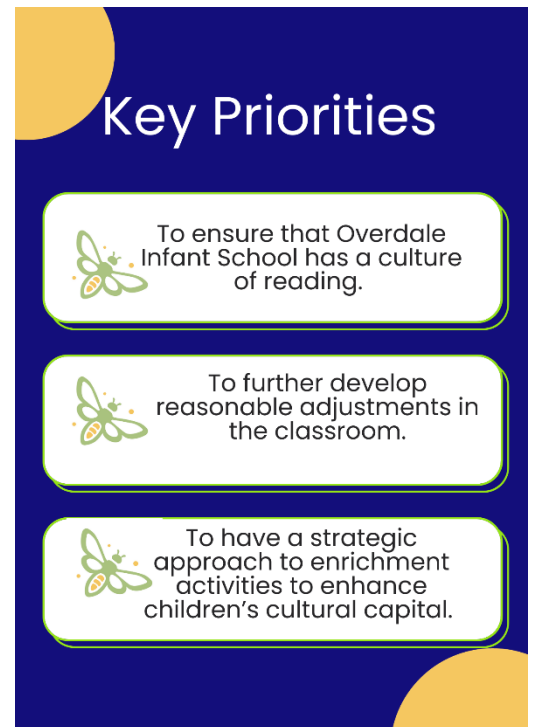
Please remember on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November children and staff will be wearing brightly coloured clothes to raise money for Children in Need. Children will participate in Children in Need related activities in the afternoon. Cash donations can be sent into school or donations can be made online [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)



Over the next few weeks, I will be reaching out to parents and carers asking for ideas on how you feel we can further develop the relationship between home and school. Please do come and share any ideas you have with me in the playground in the mornings or send me a message on Class Dojo.

Take Care,

Mrs Holmes



## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th November	Year 1 Phonics screening check virtual Q&A session
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – Children to wear brightly coloured clothes.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Arts Week – more information to follow
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Flu vaccinations No reading session on this day.
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Children and staff to wear Christmas jumpers. Handmade/Pre-loved jumpers are encouraged.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity pm 1:45pm–2:45pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity am 9:20am–10:20am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Party
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Trip to Pantomime
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 2 Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Church visit School closes for Christmas.