**Newsletter 2 – November 2018**

**Headteacher’s Update**

I hope you all had a restful half term, and it’s been great to see the children coming back ready to learn and I am always impressed by the work they are producing in their classes.

We saw lots of you at our Termly Learning Conferences, and I know the teachers have been fitting in other appointments where they can. It’s lovely to see the children sharing their work with increasing confidence and for you to see how they are doing. We had great attendance from parents, which is really positive!

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our curriculum survey – it was really helpful to us. We are now going to be hard at work making sure our new curriculum is the best it can be, ready for it to start in January.

As it’s already November, Christmas will soon be upon us! We have attached a list of dates for the various activities that will be going on in school over this time.

**Chocolate Bingo**

On 9th October the Friends of Monkwick ran a Chocolate Bingo Night. It was lovely to see children and parents at an event together, and it was great fun. We were very jealous of the treats the lucky winners got!

**Children In Need**

Children in Need will be taking place on the 16th November, and we will be raising money by having a non uniform day. Our newly elected School Council have chosen for the theme to be Children in Need related – spots, yellow, or Pudsey ears! Our School Council also suggested that children could design their own t-shirts – we will offer a prize for the best!

**Inappropriate Films**

Especially around Halloween time, it’s important to be vigilant of what children are watching, and what certificates films are given, so that they are not watching material that is not appropriate for their age group.

**Upcoming Dates**

**16th November 2018** – Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need. Wear spots/yellow/Pudsey ears, or design your own t-shirt!

**30th November 2018 –** INSET Day

**7th December 2018** – Christmas Pantomime

**14th December 2018** – Christmas Jumper Day

**17th December 2018** – 2.15pm Y5 Christmas Concert

**18th December 2018** – Year 5/6 Christmas Dinner

**18th December 2018** - 2.15pm Y4 Christmas Concert

**20th December 2018** – Year 3/4 Christmas Dinner

**20th December 2018** – 2.15pm Y3 Christmas Concert

**21st December 2018** – Last Day of Term

**7th January 2019** – INSET Day

**8th January 2019** – Children Return to School

More information about these dates will come to you nearer the time.