

# **NEWS FROM THE OFFICE...**

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been lovely to see the children this morning getting back into the swing of lessons and trying their best. It was great to see you all at parents evening before half term whereby you had the opportunity to discuss any queries or questions you may have had and to see how well your child has settled into their class. We undertook our theme week before

half term which you may have seen on X, please see more details below.

Christmas is fast approaching and the Christmas Productions will be taking place early December. The EYFS performance will take place on 10th December at 10.00am and 2.00pm and the KS1 performance will take place on 12th December at 10.00am and 2.00pm, more details will follow.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries at all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kelly

# Special points of interest:

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### **COMMUNITY THEME WEEK ...**

In the last week before halfterm, Key Stage Two completed a theme week on their impact in the local community. It was a great success as Year 3 designed murals of our local area to be painted outside of year 3 to brighten up the area; Year 4 conducted a local litter survey and wrote to the local councillors to request the reinstatement of a bin outside of the Key Stage Two entrance to school to improve the appearance of our surroundings; Year 5 created an arts and craft activity, complete with instructions to be used at Southglade Library at their free Arts and Craft session they run every Saturday morning and Year 6 researched local charities we could support for this year which they then presented to the School

Council, who chose Base 51 as our winner. An overview of the work produced will be available to look at on the website from Monday 11th November and keep a lookout on X and the newsletter as we bring you news in the future of our impact from from the work they produced - we cant wait to see the results of all the children's hard work.

# POPPY APPEAL..

We are supporting the Poppy Appeal and merchandise will be on sale throughout the week. Thank you to all of you who have already donated.



## PARENT EVENTS...

Mrs Lamb writes...

Our Family SEAL sessions are well under way and the parents and children are really enjoying learning new things together. We still have a few places if you would like to join us. Please email your interest to ad-

min@risepark.nottingham.sch .uk

Here at Rise Park Primary and Nursery School we are passionate about our children's well being. There has been lots of research into the potential negative impact of smartphones on our younger children. There is currently a new initiative that looks at not allowing children to have smartphones until they are at least in year 9 in secondary school. We would love you to join us in signing this pact and ensuring that our children have a smartphone free childhood. The link to sign the pact will be sent out very soon. Please keep a look out for it!

Monthly coffee mornings will resume this month. Our first one will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. Feel free to pop in and enjoy a free hot and cold breakfast and chat to other parents. We have activities and toys to keep younger children entertained so feel free to bring them along!

There are many areas in which we can offer support to you and your family. If you have difficulties with your child's behaviour, sleep difficulties or you have any other concerns, please call in for a chat.



#### BOOK FAYRE...

Thank you to everyone that supported our school book fayre. We sold 1130.99 worth of books which means the school receives an incredible amount of £565.50 to spend on books for the children to use in school.

#### PE AND SPORTS AT RISE PARK...

Mr Fisher writes.. Wow, last half term was amazing! It was great to see so many children developing their skills in both PE lessons and after school clubs. Year 3, 4 and 6 pupils had fun in dodgeball, hockey and football developing their team work skills alongside throwing and catching techniques within dodgeball, dribbling and shooting in hockey and attacking and defending in football. It was great to see them developing some strategies and communication skills too. This half term year 2 will be taking part in a multi-skills club and 5 and 6 have asked for a cheerleading club, which some children will be helping to lead. Again this will give them the opportunity to develop skills specific to the sport but also work on skills like team work, giving feedback and communication that can be transferred to other areas of school life.

So far year 5 and 6 have taken part in an athletics competition where they qualified for the finals. This half term we will attending a cross country event at Wollaton Park and the finals of the athletics event held at Harvey Hadden sports village.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



7th November - Y4 Perlethorpe Trip

7th November - Y6 (Argentina) Knife Crime Trip

7th November - Y2 Residential Meeting 3.20pm

15th November - Y5 Greek Pottery Workshop

15th November - Children in Need

21th November - Y3 Mexico Stone Age Trip

26th November - Y3 Dominican Republic Stone Age Trip

10th December - EYFS Christmas Performance 10.00am and 2.00pm

12th December - KS1 Christmas Production 10.00am and 2.00pm

20th December - Last day of school (school open)

6th January - School re-opens