



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It was great to welcome the children back this week! This half term leading up to Christmas always goes so quickly, and we have so much going on!  
 Today, our older children have enjoyed a visit from Dogs Trust; they came into school to lead a workshop with the children about how to care for dogs, and how to behave safely around them. We are always really grateful when charities and organisations such as this come into school to support children with useful life skills, and to give them an insight into different careers.  
 Next week, we have author Sarah Griffiths coming into school to share her latest book with the children, and to talk to them about the writing process, and how she became an author. And then later this term, children will be given some fire safety and road safety advice, again from volunteers and charity organisations.  
 Our Year 6 children will continue to sell poppies and other British Legion merchandise until next Wednesday. On Thursday, we will hold our Remembrance service in school and will share highlights of this via videos on Class Dojo, so do look out for these. Very soon we will begin our preparations for the Nativity and Christmas performance at the church, which we are hoping to invite parents along to enjoy. We really do have a busy time ahead! For now, have a great weekend and enjoy any bonfire night celebrations safely.

*Mrs Deborah Sadler*  
**Headteacher**



**REMINDERS & NOTICES**



**Confirmation Classes:**

Confirmation is about deciding for yourself that you want to be a Christian within the Church of England and to be able to take Communion (the bread and wine at services). It is for young people in Year 6 and above, and also for adults.

Rev. Judy (Rector of Whitchurch and Interim Minister of Fauls & Tilstock) is planning to run some confirmation preparation classes in the new year, and has left some expression of interest forms in our school office. If anyone is interested, please collect a form and return it to Rev. Judy by 18<sup>th</sup> December. She will then be able to decide when and where the classes will take place, based on the level of need.

**Well done to...**

...**Evie**, who won the 'spot the difference' competition run by Matrix! She won tickets to see the Matrix magic show at Whitchurch Civic Centre. Congratulations!

If your child has any out-of-school achievements which they would like to share with us, please do let us know. It is great for children to celebrate things like this with their peers at school!

**WORSHIP**



This half term, in worship, we will be focusing on the Christian value of **thankfulness**. Next week, we will be focusing on **Remembrance** and "**Remembering to say thank you**" (**Ephesians 5.20**). If children have any prayers, linked to this theme, that they would like to share during worship, they would be very welcome to do so.

**CELEBRATION**



**Happy Birthday to:**

**Alys, Ethan, Reggie C, Archie and Oscar**, who all celebrate their birthdays this week.



**AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to this week's **Headteacher Award winners**, who are:

**Hummingbird Class:** George, Hunter and Octavia

**Robin Class:** Charlie, Astrid and Niall

**Skylark Class:** Arthur, Tate, Theo and Oliver M

**Kingfisher Class:** Leyla, Freddie, Bella-May, Ava S, Philippa and Jessie

**Owl Class:** Kizzy, Danielle and Bertie

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Kingfisher Class fire safety session
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Sarah Griffiths Author Visit
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Vision screening for Reception children
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Kingfisher Class trip to Shrewsbury Museum
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Skylark Class trip to Ford Green Hall
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – *Stepping Out* session for Kingfisher Class

**PE Reminder**

Please ensure that children wear **BLACK** shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms for PE with a **PLAIN WHITE** t-shirt, or branded PE top, and their school jumper. Thank you.

