



5th November 2021

## NEWSLETTER

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### HEADLINE NEWS

We are very happy to tell you that our Miss Lawton has given birth to two lovely little girls and all is well. We are sure you join us in our well wishes to mum, dad and the twins. Mrs Wilkinson will now be taking over the reins in Year 4 together with Miss Mongan for one day a week and supported by Miss Birtles and Miss Stoneman. We are confident that this will be a strong team to lead this class for the remainder of the academic year.



#### Poppy Appeal Merchandise

Year 6 have been selling Poppy Appeal merchandise in school this week to raise money for the Royal British Legion - for the Armed Forces community. They will be continuing to sell all of the items until they are sold out. Please support and donate to this wonderful charity!

#### Communication

If you have any questions of the class staff or you are worried by any issues or incidents that have arisen in school, please write in your child's planner in the first instance allowing the staff to look into the matter before they report back to you after having time to investigate fully.

Classroom staff are not available before school as they are preparing for the day's teaching. If the matter is urgent please let the office staff know and they can pass on the message to the relevant person. We understand that sometimes you may be upset with what you have heard but please don't come in angry or speak aggressively to our staff, especially in front of children—you may have only been told part of the story. We can sort **all** problems out if we speak to each other respectfully.

### School Meals

**The cost of a meal in school is now £2.50 (£12.50 per week). Reception, Year 1 & Y2 meals are provided free. Payment is due in advance and should be made online at: [www.pay360educationpayments.com](http://www.pay360educationpayments.com). You will need an invitation code from school to access your account. Ask at the office. Two weeks notice is required to change from or to packed lunches.**

XXXXXXmas Dinner will be on Thursday 16th December. If your child is on packed lunches but would like a school dinner that day, you must pay £2.50 on our online payment system Pay360 as above. If you have not yet registered, ask at the office for an invitation code.

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Headteacher: Mrs Paula Glynn

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Ask for a permission slip at the office.

**Monday:** Y2 Reading Club (by invite only)

**Tuesday:** Football Club (Y5&6) at Uppermill 3G pitch at Saddleworth Pool & Leisure Centre 4–5pm.  
Y3 Reading Club (by invite only)

**Wednesday:** Morning Running Club (Y2-6) 8.15am

**Thursday:** Netball Club (Y5&6) 3.20–4.15pm  
New\* Lego Club (Rec, Y1 & Y2) 3.20–4.15pm FULL

### All Saints' Day

Reverend Lyn led our collective worship on Monday as it was All Saints' Day. We looked at images of saints relating to our local parishes—Thomas, Agnes, Hugh, John and Barnabus as well as Teresa of Calcutta. Did you manage to hear our rousing rendition of 'When the Saints Come Marching In'?

### Year 6 Author visit

To start their 'Poppy Appeal' topic off, Year 6 were fortunate enough to have a visit from an author, called Michael Thame, who has written novels from the perspective of children during World War Two. He read us a chapter from one of his books and we did a Q&A session after each section. Michael also brought in some props to show the class. We also listened to a clip from BBC Radio 4 – narrated by Sean Bean, describing the legacy of war for evacuees, which featured Michael's grandad, his mother, himself and sister. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visitor and it was a great way to launch their new topic.

### High Expectations

Please be reminded that you must ring school on the first and third day of your child's absence in the first instance and then keep us informed regularly if it is a long absence. Children thrive with the routine of school and good attendance is linked to high attainment. We are required by the Government to investigate unreported or excessive absence.

We couldn't do this without the support and co-operation of parents and guardians and we thank you for working with us.

### School Fundraising

Bags2School raised £33. Thank you for your support.

Xxxxxxmas ... we really are breaking the rules this year as we don't usually use the word before December, but next week we will share our exciting new ideas for this year's fundraising events.