

## Windsor Hill Primary School

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Dear Parents,**

### **Welcome Back**

I trust you all had an enjoyable half term break last week despite the weather. Thank you for your generous donations for the Food Bank – Rev S McDonald and Laurence collected a van full of groceries which were very much appreciated to support local families.

### **Poppies for Sale**

Poppies and related items will be available to purchase in school until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November this week. The children can purchase items at a 'Popup Poppy Stall' at the back of the Assembly Hall before school each morning and P7 will also sell items to anyone wishing to buy them around the classes this week. Money raised will be forwarded to the RBL Earl Haig Fund.

### **Attendance**

As we progress into the winter, we have our seasonal bugs and colds about, and while we ask parents to be cautious and not to send children to school if they are ill, it is important that when your child is well that they attend school every day to achieve their full potential in school. Odd days off can unsettle children and result in pupils missing important stages in their learning. While teacher do their best to catch children up on their return, it is not the same as learning in class together. Attendance is monitored monthly by the EA Education Welfare Service who will request referrals should attendance fall below an acceptable level.

### **Governors' Support Fund**

In recent years Governors suspended their request for donations towards the Governors' Support Fund, primarily as many normal school activities were not happening due to Covid restrictions. Thankfully things are returning to normal. This fund has traditionally been used to purchase items not normally covered by the school budget but at our last Governors' Meeting members acknowledge that the current economic situation has added pressure to families, particularly at this time of year and are therefore deferring formally requesting donations once again this year. If however anyone feels that they wish to contribute to school funds they can do so, but this is totally at your own discretion.

### **Christmas Concert – P1 – P4 Bethlehem Bake-Off**

It is planned that our P1 – P4 classes will perform a Christmas Concert – 'The Bethlehem Bake-off' in school on the morning and evening of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022. We plan to invite parents and friends to attend and are providing good notice so that everyone will get the date into your diary and keep the morning and evening free. (Further details will be sent home nearer the time.) Our older classes will get their chance to perform later in the year.

### **Traffic at the Gate**

As the days get colder and the evenings close in, we ask parents to exercise caution at the school gate at pickup and collection. Mrs Henning works hard to keep everyone safe, but it is essential that everyone approached the school slowly and only park where they are not obstructing others.

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact school should you require any additional information.

Yours faithfully,

I.McKane

Principal