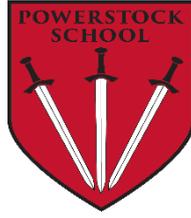


# Powerstock Primary School



## November Newsletter

### Remembrance day

Thank you very much for supporting the Poppy Appeal, news of the amount we raised coming soon. We marked Remembrance through assemblies throughout the week culminating in our circle of silence on Thursday at 11 for one minute's silence. Everyone joined in and at this point in the term, we were very proud to say that our new Receptions were brilliant and stood respectfully with everyone else. We are very proud of you all.



### Welcome back!

We have loved seeing you all on the playground once again. It is important for us all to meet up, for staff to share any information and for you to have a quick catch up with friends as you safely pick up or drop off (out of the road).



### Bikeability

Bikeability has gone very well with our groups of cyclists now feeling a lot more confident out on the roads. The children have enjoyed riding around the village and spotting familiar landmarks as they went (including sightings of various pets en route!). It is such an important skill to have and the group from Seatown should feel safer after this short course - thanks to Ben our instructor.



### Staff news

We have a new member of staff joining us: Mrs Sam Van Zyl. She is an experienced teaching assistant and will be working providing extra help for some of our pupils and generally assisting in class. We will welcome Mrs Van Zyl on December 6th.

## Be prepared!

We will continue as much as possible to hold our assemblies outside so please make sure your child has a warm coat and maybe a woolly hat during these gatherings and also for chillier playtimes. Being outside for assemblies has been wonderful so far with children enjoying joining our stories, really bringing them alive. We have been singing, reading and proudly showing our work, delighted to be together. I hope the rain holds off for now!

Please also ensure ALL clothing is labelled—we have a large amount of unclaimed, unmarked clothes which are difficult to continue storing as the mountain is growing! We will leave the unclaimed clothes on the bench in the playground after school (weather permitting), so please do look through and take anything that is your child's. Thank you. 😊



## Christmas

We are planning for what we hope will be a wonderful Christmas and end of term at school. Please see below our Christmas diary which is based on Powerstock traditions that we are happy to be able to reinstate with the help of the PSA.

Kyla and the PSA work hard all year to ensure that each child has fun and enjoys the Powerstock Christmas experience. Please do join the Facebook page if you can and help out with anything if you can.

We are planning a PSA Club early next year where parents will be invited to pay a chosen amount each month towards a draw - we hope this will suit some parents who would prefer to support the group in this way rather than support events. Details to follow.



## Dates for your diary:

**Friday 19th Nov**—Children in Need—Fun Dress up day! £1 suggested donation

**Saturday 20th November**—10am Christmas crafts stall at Bucky Doo Square Bridport—Please do come and support with any craft items you have to sell

**Thursday 2nd December**—Flu immunisation for all years (letters will be sent out when received from the school nurses)

**Friday 3rd December**—Beaminster “lighting up” ceremony, PTA Christmas stall—this is in the square from 4pm onwards

**Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th December**—PSA making Christmas decorations with children—in school the PSA will come into school armed with art/craft items and help each child make decorations for the class room to then take home at the end of term.

**Friday 10th December**—Christmas Jumper / Colours Day— on this day, your child can wear their Christmas Jumper or anything Christmassy in exchange for bringing in an item of non-perishable food for a Christmas hamper. The twist is, that each item should be either red, green, yellow / gold or dark blue so we can offer a hamper entirely in that colour. The hampers will be drawn on Thursday 16th December— tickets on sale soon!

**Friday 10th December**—PSA Elves workshop—bring in a pound and your child can choose and wrap a present to take home (£1 for each parent’s gift)

**Tuesday 14th December**—Nativity for Burton Class—we will be holding this outside in the playground (weather permitting) and parent will be invited. Inside if wet but sadly no parents. The production will be professionally filmed in any event.

**Wednesday 15th December**—Local Food Links Christmas lunch and a present for each child from Father Christmas’s grotto.

**Wednesday 15th December**—6pm Carol signing around the village / hot chocolate and mince pies back at the school in the playground.

**Friday 17th December**—Last day of term

**Tuesday 4th January**—Inset day—no pupils in school

**Wednesday 5th January**—First day of term

