

MALMESBURY NEWSLETTER



COMING UP...

- Next week: Anti-bullying assemblies and learning in class
- Monday 11th Remembrance day.
- Tuesday 12th: Parent-teacher consultation afternoon and TH's food tasting session
- Wednesday 13th Y4 Science museum trip
- Thursday 14th: Parent-teacher consultation evening
- Friday 15th Children In Need day

Don't forget to check schooling for important messages

WELCOME BACK TO THE 2ND HALF OF OUR AUTUMN TERM....



We've had a great first week back. Next week schools mark three important events. These are all linked to our Malmesbury rule of respect:

- Remembrance day: Monday 11th. This marks a time of reflection of lives lost in conflict. Those who wear a poppy do so as an act of remembrance and respect and also in hope for a peaceful future. These are particularly important messages in a time of uncertainty and conflict.
- Anti-bullying week - more information on page two.
- Children in Need: Friday 15th. This year's theme is 'make life lighter' in recognition of the challenges being faced by some children in the UK with increasing mental health needs and poverty levels leading to inequality and lack of opportunity. Our poster on the back of the newsletter shares how families can choose to support this fundraising with an own clothes day (£1 donation). It also includes the return of our popular Pudsey outfit design competition - children can pick up an entry for £1.

CELEBRATING DIWALI



We celebrated Diwali this week in our assemblies. Our year 4's also did a brilliant job of sharing their learning about Diwali in their assembly for parents/carers - we saw some great acting as they re-told the story of Rama and Sita. Scan the QR code to watch BBC school's retelling of the story.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Our children are very caring and thoughtful. Their great behaviour and attitudes towards each other are regularly noticed by visitors to our school. However, as with every other area of life they are learning and will sometimes make mistakes or need support as they develop their social and emotional skills.

Anti-bullying week is a great opportunity to discuss in school (and at home) what bullying is, what incidents we would describe as bullying and what incidents we would not describe as bullying. Our anti-bullying policy is on our website. It states that we define bullying as:

- Behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally;
- Usually occurring when the relationship is imbalanced;
- Having the potential to be prejudice-based or discriminatory.

Our children tell us they have a range of trusted adults in school they can talk to when there is an issue. They also tell us that our adults work with them to resolve any issues that do arise. Our adults ensure that parents/carers are aware of what has happened and what the school is doing to resolve any issues. We are also working to support our older children with online interactions and relationships - these are particularly tricky to navigate. We ask for parents' support in helping children manage this safely and respectfully if children are chatting to others' online at home.

Click on the QR code to the anti-bullying 'choose respect' video:



AUTUMN TERM PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Next week we are looking forward to sharing how children have settled in and talking with you about your child's learning progress and priorities.

On Tuesday and Thursday we are running an information hub in our lower hall with refreshments, information and even a Tower Hamlets catering special food tasting session on Tuesday 12th. Thank you to families who have signed up to attend that session between 3:15pm and 4pm in our middle hall. It sounds great!

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE.