# **Kelvedon St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy and Autism Support Centre**

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# Headteacher's Message

We've started this half term as we mean to go on with a productive and enjoyable week. Today, we had our first sharing assembly of the academic year from 2M. Having written their own scripts, the children confidently spoke about their learning and shared beautifully presented work. We loved looking at the photos of their Twilight Session – there were many smiles and it's clear that toasting marshmallows on the open fire was a real highlight of the event! A big well done to all the children. Thank you also to Mrs Metson and parent/carers for supporting the children.

This week, Nancy from SCARF, our PSHCE programme of study, has been in school delivering sessions within the popup Life Tent. The children have enjoyed learning about the importance of maintaining their physical, mental and social wellbeing. The sessions were fun and interactive – please do ask your child about what they learnt.

Our early readers across the school have been exploring our new decodable books that are part of the Twinkl phonics scheme. The launch of this new approach to phonics is linked to the national expectation for schools to follow a validated phonics scheme. Please do look out for login codes that will enable you and your child to access Rhino Reader books online. Please note the purpose of the Rhino Reader books is to encourage children to develop fluency in decoding words. We encourage you to continue to read with and to your child, as much as possible. It's important that, alongside Rhino Reader books, children have the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of stories, poems and non-fictional texts so reading is a real pleasure.

This Saturday, the traditional Kelvedon St Mary's Firework event is taking place. I have no doubt it will be a fun-filled evening! Thank you to the PTFA and team of champions who have supported to make this event possible. Have a great weekend!

Lois Osborne

## **Diary Dates**

#### This half term:

#### November

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Prospective parents visit
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November Learning Conferences 3:30-8pm
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November Charity Day
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November Enterprise event
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Prospective parents visit
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Year 6 Communion
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November Enterprise sale

#### December

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December Year 2 and Year 3 Christingle Service
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December Year R and Year 1 Nativity, 2:30pm.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Year R and Year 1 Nativity, 2:30pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Carol Candlelight Service, Christmas Dinner and PTFA Disco.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Last day of autumn term
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January Christmas break

## **Excellent Punctuality**

Excellent learners attend school on time! We celebrate punctuality. The classes with the top punctuality are noted below:

KS1: RB, 2M, 2C KS2: 4F, 4B, 5S, 5C, 6L

### **Memos from Rotakids**

**Thank you -** for being so generous in donating to Braintree Foodbank. We collected a huge 123.31kg of donations! Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Charity Day Friday 11th November -** This year for our charity day we are going to be supporting The British Red Cross. The late Queen supported this charity for over 70 years, making her the longest serving patron.

We are inviting the children to donate £1.00 to wear non uniform, but we ask that this includes something **RED**. They will also get a raffle ticket and 5 children from each class will be the lucky winners of a small prize. Regardless of whether the children win a prize, everyone will get a sweet treat! Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Connelly and Rotakids

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**Stars of the Week** — These learners have demonstrated our school values.



**Gold Book Honours** — These learners have been building excellent habits of learning by consistently displaying one of our 6Rs:

Responsible Resourceful Reflective Resilient Reasoni	ng Risk-taking
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They have been awarded their bronze, silver or gold badge that they may wear with pride on their school uniform.

