



PEARL HYDE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 13/11/2020



FINHAM PARK
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

CELEBRATING DIWALI – MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Diwali, also known as Indian Festival of Lights, is one of the most popular Hindu festivals that symbolises the spiritual ‘victory over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance’. Normally we would have a big celebration and invite all our parents and carers to join us. **This year we will still be celebrating and we invite children and staff to attend school in**

celebration clothes on Monday 16th November. No donation required. It would be equally lovely if our parents and carers dressed up for this occasion even though we are not able to invite you on site.

FIREWORKS to celebrate with children and staff only Monday 16th in the afternoon



KS2 PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Last chance to book an appointment to meet with your child’s class teacher. The final parent consultation meetings take place on **Monday 16th November 3.30pm-6.00pm**

They will be held virtually via Google Classroom. **Please book your appointment** online using the Parents Evening Booking System (a link can be found on our website).



REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

Sadly, we did not have as many poppy decorated stones as we had hoped for on Remembrance Day so the deadline has been extended. **Please could you support your child/children in decorating a stone or pebble and bring them into school on Monday 16th November. The children can then place them in the Remembrance Garden at the front of school.**



We are going to be
‘STAR SCHOOL OF THE WEEK’
next week with BBC Radio Coventry



Next week we are in the spotlight as **‘Star School of the Week’** on BBC Radio Coventry!!
On Monday morning at 8:40am, two of our children will be live on the radio with Phil Upton.

On Wednesday a reporter will visit the school to speak to children about what they’re learning this week in the curriculum and talk to a teacher about life in school at the moment. The reporter is then staying to record a minute and a half news report with a group of children, which they will have prepared for beforehand.

On Friday the recorded news reports the children have helped to prepare will be played live on the radio at 6:25am and 8:15am. The school will receive a copy of this to keep and play out in assembly.

The radio has asked for parents/carers and children to text in during the school run for a shout out starting from the Monday. Text 81333 starting the message CWR and STAR SCHOOL – don’t forget your names!!



Thank you to everyone who has donated to Children in Need today. It’s so lovely to see so many spotty children and we raised over £150!

PLEASE follow us on Twitter and Facebook. Search for ‘Pearl Hyde Primary School Page’ on Facebook or @PearlHydeSchool on Twitter - like us and share with your friends.



A note from Mrs O'Hara

This morning at 7am, my eldest daughter called me to inform me that my grandson of 5 years of age, has tested positive with COVID19. This was and still is a shock for me, I am sure he will be well soon. What I **really** wanted you all to know though, is that he had been sent home with a temperature and a cough. No other symptoms. There have been children sent home from Pearl Hyde with these symptoms and sometimes more, but thankfully have had a negative result. The backlash we have had from some of the parents/ carers because their child's test was negative and they had needed time off work unnecessarily, has at times been shocking. We have to follow the guidance and will continue to do so. If your child is sent home with symptoms and is tested negative, please, look on that as a positive. My daughter certainly did not expect a positive result.

CELEBRATING GURPURB (BIRTHDAY) OF GURU NANAK DEV JI

We would like to extend our congratulations to all our families who are celebrating the birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Jee (founder of the Sikh faith) on Monday 30th November. Celebrations will be taking place a bit differently this year, but Sikhs will still be remembering Guru Nanak's message of oneness - recognising the human race as one (without recognising social class, status, colour or religion) and his 3 **Golden rules** of remembering God at all times, working hard and honestly in everything you do and sharing with those in need. We will be doing something creative with the children on this day.



What's your attendance grade?

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| A = 100% | Excellent | |
| B = 98% | Very Good | |
| C = 95% | Good | |
| D = 92% | Satisfactory | |
| E = 90% | Below Average | |
| F = 85% | Poor | |
| G = 80% | Unacceptable | |

OCTOBER

Whole School Attendance
95.96%
(Ofsted target 97.0%)



Highest Attendance
EYFS & KS1 – Mrs West's Class 98.94%
KS2 – Mrs McKeown's Class 95.61%

ADVENT CALENDAR DONATIONS

A member of our school community is collecting advent calendars for local children living in hostels, domestic violence units, temporary accommodation and being supported by the local authority. If you would like to donate a calendar, please send your child to school with one. They will be collected on the 23rd November, stored for one week before being distributed. The Hutt Salon on Avon Street is another drop-off location.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th – 20th November We are STAR SCHOOL OF THE WEEK on BBC Radio Coventry

Monday 16th November – Wear Celebration Clothes for Diwali (no donation required)

Monday 16th November 3.30pm-6.00pm – Parent Consultation Meetings KS2

Monday 30th November – Sikh Celebration of Gurburb of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Friday 18th December – Last day of Term Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation Save the Children)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th January – SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Training Days

Wednesday 6th January – First Day New Term