

# Y6 Class Assembly The Gunpowder Plot



On Wednesday, Y6 presented a fantastic assembly on the theme of Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot. Pupils had researched and written the assembly themselves and it was packed with information about the historical background to the plot, what happened to Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators and even fire-work safety. Well done, everyone!



# Basic Skills Quality Mark



Before the half-term holiday, we were visited by Nigel Edge who is an assessor for The Basic Skills Quality Mark. Nigel was in school to inspect how well school teaches basic skills such as reading, writing, mental maths, spelling and handwriting. He met with pupils who then took him on a tour of the school. He also talked to the adults in school, met with parents, looked at the work in children's books and scrutinised our test results and pupil progress data.

Nigel was incredibly impressed with what he saw and awarded us The Basic Skills Quality Mark. This is the sixth time we have received this accolade and we are thrilled that our consistent hard work has been recognised once again. Our certificate is displayed on the left.





# YR Diwali Party



YR celebrated Diwali in style on the day we broke up for the half-term holiday. Music, dancing, mehndi, food and craft activities were all on offer for pupils, parents and carers to enjoy. Thank you to all the parents and carers who provided food or helped out at the party—it was much appreciated. Thank you for coming!







# Royal British Legion

Once again, we are collecting money for The Royal British Legion in remembrance of all those injured or killed in conflict.

If your child would like to purchase a remembrance poppy, please place their donation in the collection box outside the office and take a poppy from the box.

Alternatively, your child might like to purchase one of the items below. These are held in the office so please give your donation to either Kiran, Anna or Deb (our administrative staff.) Please note the suggested donation for each item.

Thank you in advance of your generosity.



Wristband - Suggested Donation: 50p



Reflector - Suggested Donation: 50p



Friendship Bracelet - Suggested Donation: £1.00



Snap Band - Suggested Donation: £1.00



# Remembrance Day

**An invitation to all parents and carers**



## **Open Classroom Event**

One of the most important things a child can learn is respect for different faiths and value systems. This understanding of diversity is a central part of our school ethos and one which we will be celebrating during RE (Religious Education) Week which begins on Monday 6th November. Throughout the week, pupils will be exploring a range of faiths and spiritual question as outlined in the Agreed Warwickshire Syllabus for Religious Education. Children's learning this half-term is as follows:

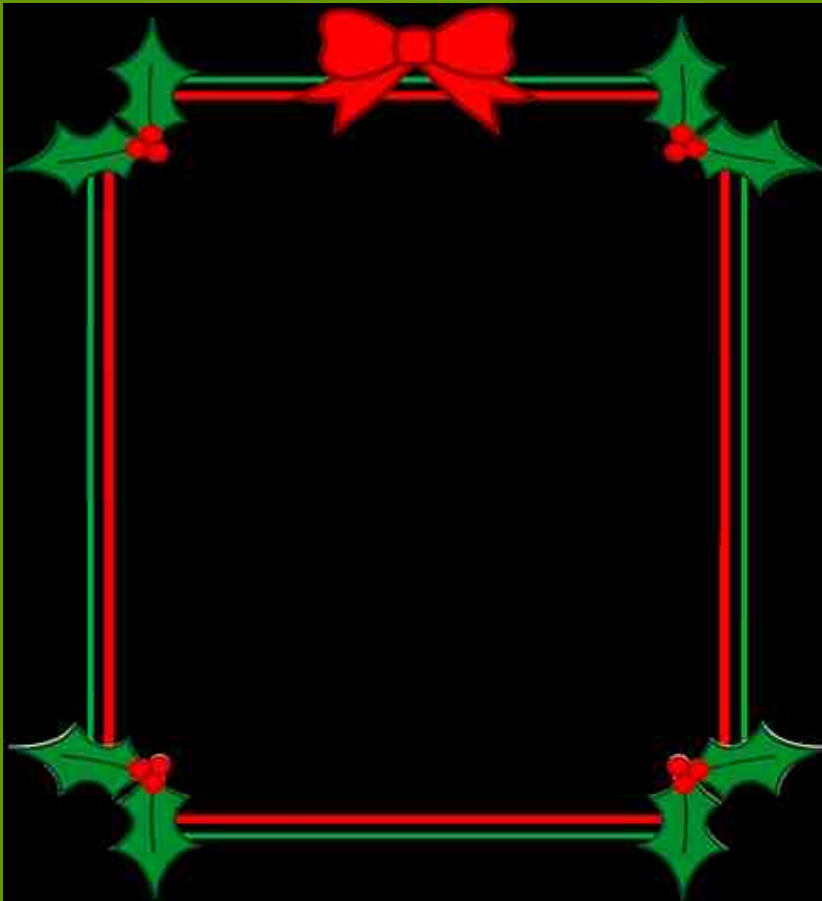
Year One:	Who is a Christian and what do they believe?
Year Two:	Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?
Year Three:	What do Christians, Hindus and Muslims believe about God?
Year Four:	Why do some Christians, Jews, Muslims and Humanists believe that life is like a journey and what special experiences mark this?
Year Five:	Why do some people believe God exists? (Different faiths and non-religious response.)
Year Six:	What do religions say to us when life gets hard? (Different faiths and non-religious response.)

**On Friday 10th November, from 2.30—3.00pm, we would like to invite all parents/ carers in to school so that pupils can share their learning from RE Week.** You will be free to visit different classrooms from Y1 to Y5 —as many or as few as you choose. (The Y6 classroom will not be open as children will be having their PE lesson.) Visitors will be able to see children's work, hear sacred music and look at religious artefacts. Pupils will be on hand to talk to you about their learning and share their enthusiasm.

We hope as many families will be able to participate in this event!



Our delicious Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday 12th December. Pupils will be treated to:



## How to order a Christmas lunch:

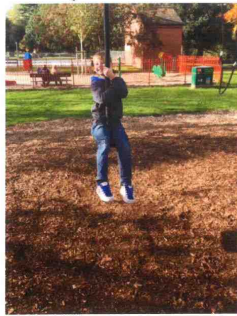
All pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free Christmas lunch. Please inform the office if your child is NOT having the lunch.

The cost of the Christmas lunch for pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 is £2.15. This will appear on Parent Pay as a separate item called "KS2 Christmas Dinner." Please book/pay for your lunch by **November 15th** at the latest so that the kitchen can purchase the appropriate quantities of food. **Bookings/payments will not be accepted after this date.**





# Emotional Wellbeing



*Relaxing and Unwinding by James*



As more established parents/carers may know, last year we launched an initiative called "Take A Break" to celebrate the quality time families spend relaxing together.

Lots of parents and carers submitted photographs of the ways they chose to unwind with family and friends and many of these pictures were printed in the newsletter and shared via our Twitter feed.

Recently Miss Gillespie decided to set "Take A Break" homelearning for all the children in her class. She was very impressed by the response and would like to share Jack and Saanvi's homelearning with you. Both children spent time with their families enjoying activities such as walking in the park and Indian dancing.

Relaxing together is an important way to boost emotional wellbeing and promote good mental health. If you do something special this weekend, we would love to hear all about it!



SONG -

Laga Chunari Mein Daag

FROM -

An old Bollywood Movie





# Election of Governors

We are holding an election to appoint two new Federation parent governors. To cast your vote, please follow these instructions:

- Read the election statements from the three prospective candidates.
- Print out and complete the voting form included in this newsletter and return it to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 8th November 2017.
- **Each family has one vote.**
- You must vote for **two** candidates only.

**The governing body plays a crucial role in the running of our schools so it is very important that each family casts their vote.**

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENT FROM KULLY DEOL:**

To Dear Parents & Carers

It would be an honour to stand as a parent governor for our Federation. I currently have two children Prabhpreet Deol (year 2) and Jeevath Deol (reception) at Sydenham Primary School. I believe we are part of an outstanding school and I would love to assist in maintaining the very high standards the Federation has produced over the years. I am an ASB (Anti Social Behaviour) Officer for Stratford District and have fulfilled this role on both a part time and a full time basis for the past fifteen years. I currently work part time, job sharing. My current job sharing role allows me to provide support to both my children during their early, developmental, educational years. Working part time I find I am able to assist them both with the educational challenges they face and will allow me to get to know my school and attend school meetings as a governor. I am very interested in helping people, especially our local "troubled youth" and have worked very closely assisting our local law enforcement officers over a long period of my professional life. When I first started with Stratford District my role was a new post in South Warwickshire. I created policies and procedures that are still used today. I regularly meet my professional quarterly targets and key performance indicators and chair and conduct monthly meetings with like minded professionals. I am very comfortable asking questions and also happy to contribute to group discussions. While a child is at school age, everything must be done in our power to give our children the best possible education. I'm excited about applying for the position of governor as I believe my past work experience and communication skills will make an effective contribution to the Federation. I know as a part of a team going forward and with the same passion, we all can achieve school objectives and address any shortfalls with efficiency and speed.

Kind regards,

Kully Deol

# Please vote!

### **CANDIDATE STATEMENT FROM CAROLINE PEACOCK:**

I currently have a daughter in Yr3 at Sydenham Primary, like any other parent I have a vested interest in the Federation which is educating my child. School plays an enormous part in our children's early development, both educationally and socially. It is a place where impressions and memories made will last a lifetime, an environment where children should thrive, feel safe, supported and encouraged. It is important parents' views are represented on the governing body, as a parent governor I hope to provide all parents with a route for feedback. My current job has given me skills which are transferrable between roles and will enable me to work with other governors, the school management team and teachers to meet their aims and priorities. I am confident to challenge and ask questions, making sure we are attaining the best possible outcomes and therefore ensuring our schools are the best they can be.

### **CANDIDATE STATEMENT FROM KAE SANDHAR:**

Dear fellow Parents/Carers,

I have put my name forward for the school's 'Parent Governor' post available.

I am interested in this position as I would like to offer my skills & experiences to help the Governing Team to ensure the school continues to raise its standards & good quality education for all pupils regardless of age, gender, religion or any special needs and be a voice for fellow parents/carers for any suggestions/concerns/reassurance.

I have friendly and welcoming personality and my work history to-date has helped me develop and execute excellent communication and engagement skills, both orally & in writing. Along side, my personal experiences have given me the most valuable lessons to be able to connect with all ages & different levels of people.... I believe these are some of the essential qualities required for such a position.

I also speak fluent Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu.

Although I have not worked in education before (other than voluntary reading) I am a Sydenham PTA member & have my DBS certificate. I am a mother myself therefore I fully understand child Safety, Welfare and Data Protection are key priorities. I am also trustworthy when dealing with confidential information.

Having 2 young children of my own (my son at Sydenham Primary School & my daughter at Purple Playhouse Nursery) I am very passionate about getting involved with the Federation's Governing Team and I would welcome the opportunity, therefore please vote for me.

Many thanks,  
Kae Sandhar

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**Please vote for TWO candidates by placing a cross in the appropriate boxes.**

Name of family .....

Tick 2 boxes only:

Kully Deol ☐

Caroline Peacock ☐

Kae Sandhar ☐

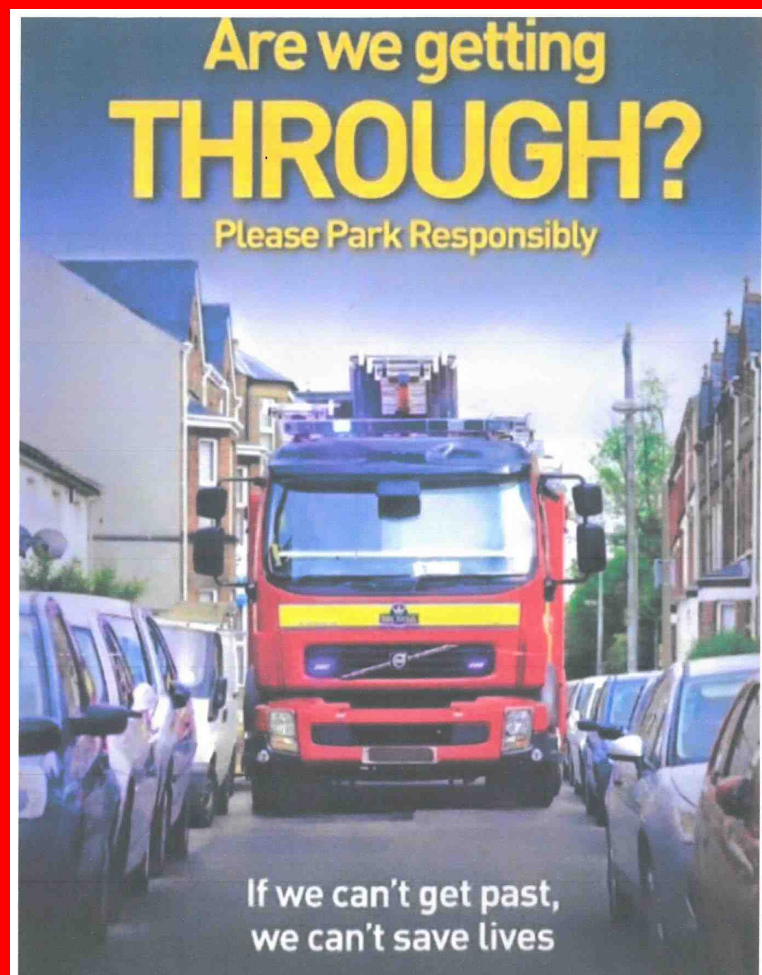


# New Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Commencing Mondays 6/11, 27/11, 18/12, 8/1/18, 29/1, 12/3, 23/4				
Red Tractor Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Fillet in a Soft Bun with a choice of Ketchup or Barbeque Sauce and Baked Potato Wedges	Roast Pork Joint with Apple Sauce Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes	(h) Homemade Chicken Pie with Gravy and Diced or Creamy Mashed Potatoes	(msc) Battered Pollock Fillet with Gaufrette Potatoes
(v only) Vegetarian Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes	(v only) Quorn Burger in a Soft Bun with Baked Potato Wedges	(v only) Quorn Fillet in Gravy with Crispy Roast Potatoes	(v only) Breadcrumbed Vegetable Fingers with Crispy Diced or Creamy Mashed Potatoes	(v only, h) Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese
(v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse	(v, h) Chef's Fruit Crumble of the Day with Custard	(v, h) Iced Mandarin Sponge	(v) Whip with Fruit in Juice	(v, h) Chocolate Flapjack

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Commencing Mondays 13/11, 4/12, 15/1/18, 5/2, 26/2, 19/3, 30/3				
Organic Beef Grill in a Soft Bun with Crispy Diced Potatoes	Red Tractor Bacon Medallion and Pork Sausage with ½ Jacket Potato	Red Tractor Roast Chicken Joint or Fillet with Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes	(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	(msc) Battered Fish Fillet with Chipped Potato
(v only) Quorn Cheeseburger with Crispy Diced Potato Wedges	(v only) Vegetarian Brunch with ½ Jacket Potato	(v only) Quorn Fillet in Gravy with Crispy Roast Potatoes		(v only) Breadcrumbed Vegetable Fingers with Chipped Potatoes
(v, h) Chocolate Cracknell	(v, h) Iced Strawberry Bun	(v, h) Chocolate Frosted Sponge	(v) American Pancake with Banana Chunks	(v) Ice Cream Tub

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Commencing Mondays 20/11, 11/12, 22/1/18, 12/2, 5/3, 26/3, 16/4, 7/5				
Organic Pork Meatballs with Rustic Gravy and Pasta	(h) Mild and Creamy Chicken Curry with Wholegrain Rice	Tender Slices of British Beef with Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes Mini Yorkshire Pudding	Cheesy Barbeque Bacon Pasta with Baked Potato Wedges	(msc) Gluten Free Salmon Fillet Fingers with Chipped Potatoes
(v only) Quorn 'Meatballs' with Rustic Gravy and Pasta	(v only, h) Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese and Sweetcorn	(v only) Quorn Fillet in Gravy with Crispy Roast Potatoes	(v only) Vegetarian Sausages with Baked Potato Wedges	(v only) Breadcrumbed Vegetable Fingers with Chipped Potatoes
(v, h) Apple Crunch Pudding with Custard	(v, h) Blueberry Iced Muffin	Jelly with Fruit	(v) Yeo Valley Organic Yoghurt	(v, h) Up Beet Chocolate Cake with Hot Chocolate Sauce





# Diary Dates

**Diary dates do sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. If any date changes, we will always try to notify you via text or letter. However, the following dates are correct at the point of going to press!!**

Tuesday 7th November 2017

Wednesday November 8th 2017

Wednesday November 8th 2017

Friday 10th November 2017

Friday 10th November 2017

Monday 13th November 2017

Monday 13th November 2017

Friday 17th November 2017

Friday 17th November 2017

Monday 20th November 2017

Thursday 23rd November 2017

Thursday 23rd November 2017

Friday 24th November 2017

Friday 24th November 2017

Wednesday 29th November—Friday  
1st December 2017

Friday 1st December 2017

Wednesday 6th December 2017

Tuesday 12th December 2017

Wednesday 13th December 2017

Thursday 14th December 2017

Friday 15th December 2017

Friday 15th December 2017

Monday 18th December—Friday  
22nd November

Monday 18th December 2017

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Thursday 21st December 2017

Friday 22nd December 2017

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Y5 visit Pizza Express.

Deadline for PTA card/mug designs.

Deadline to vote in the governor elections.

Literacy information session for YR parents at 9.15am.

Open Classroom—all parents/carers invited to visit  
classrooms from Y1—Y5 for RE Week

Rocksteady music workshops for YR—Y6.

Shakespeare Week.

Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics at Campion, 9.30am—12.00pm

Online safety session for parents/carers, 9.15—10.00am.

Rocksteady music lessons begin.

Open afternoon at 2.00pm for prospective Reception  
parents/carers, September 2018.

Y3 JM visit to Sarehole Mill.

MUFTI Day (bring 50p to wear non-school uniform.)

Y3 AH visit to Sarehole Mill.

Y6 residential to Marle Hall, Wales.

Christmas Crafternoon for YR parents/carers, 2.30pm—  
3.15pm

Y2 Christmas performance at 9.30am.

Christmas lunch.

Y1 Christmas performance at 9.30am.

Y3, 4, 5 and 6 visit to “101 Dalmations” at The  
Birmingham Repertory Theatre.

Christmas jumper day!

YR/KS1 visit to “The Snow Dragon” at The Bridge  
House Theatre in Warwick.

No clubs (except Breakfast Club and Butterflies) this  
week.

Last Y3 JM swimming lesson.

YR Christmas performance at 9.30am.

Last Y3 AH swimming lesson.

Y3/4 music concert for parents at 2.30pm.

Y5/6 music concert for parents at 9.30pm.

Break up for the Christmas holiday.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**Monday 8th January 2018**

**Tuesday 9th January 2018**

**School closed for staff training**

**Children return to school for the Spring Term.**

# Sydenham Super Stars!



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Have a great weekend! If you're having fireworks, enjoy yourselves and stay safe.

Best wishes from  
Miss Glennie (Associate Headteacher)