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Dear Parents/Carers,

After half term we are launching a series of National events including Remembrance Day, Diwali, Children in Need, Friendship and Kindness day (Anti-bullying), Road Safety Awareness and Odd Socks Day. Please see the information below for detailed information about November events.

November Upcoming Events 2021

Diwali Celebration	Thursday 4 th November
Remembrance Day	Thursday 11 th November
Friendship and Kindness Day	Monday 15 th November
Road Safety Awareness	Wednesday 17 th November
Children in Need	Friday 19 th November

Diwali Celebration – Thursday 4th November



On Thursday 4th November, pupils will take part in a lesson followed by an activity with their class teacher to celebrate Diwali. We will use diya lights to celebrate the festival of light across school.

Remembrance Day



As Remembrance Day approaches, Willow Primary are once again taking time to think about the people whose lives have been, and continue to be changed by war and conflict.

We will hold a Remembrance Day celebration on Thursday 11th November. A celebration assembly will take place to honour those who have fought for our country, but to also highlight the need for peace in our world. To show our respect and support, we are giving our pupils opportunities in class to create a collaborative piece of artwork which showcases knowledge and understanding about Armistice Day. All of our fantastic outcomes will be showcased on our school website for you all to see!



Our pupils will also have the opportunity to purchase Remembrance Day merchandise **within their classes** at break times and lunch times. Please note that merchandise cannot be purchased through the school office due to social distancing guidelines. All items will be distributed and available to purchase after half term. All funds raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Children in Need



This year, we will hold our Children in Need day on Friday 19th November. Children can come to school in a Pudsey themed outfit of their choice and will enjoy a range of art and craft activities including a Pudsey outfit competition.

Templates for the Pudsey outfit competition will be handed out to classes on Monday 15th November. We are asking pupils to return their competition entries by Thursday 18th November so they can be judged and prizes will be distributed on the Friday. Please note, costumes must not include face coverings or props. Children will still need to wear suitable footwear and bring a coat for playtimes with the winter season approaching.

We would be grateful if children who come into school in a Pudsey themed outfit can donate £1.00 to show their support. All funds raised will be donated to BBC Children in Need. Let's make a big difference to the lives of children and families who have been affected. Thank you for your continued support!

Anti-bullying Awareness



The theme for Anti-bullying this year is '**One Kind Word**'. As Respect is central to our ASPIRE Values, we want to promote respect within our school community and encourage our pupils to set a positive example within school and the community.

This year we are holding a 'Friendship and Kindness' day on Monday 15th November. An assembly will take place to launch the event and in lessons pupils will extend and build upon their knowledge about kindness and respect. During friendship and kindness day, learning from well-being week will also be reinforced and highlighted. All pupils will have the opportunity to create a piece of art work with their teachers which showcases our school values and celebrates our unique qualities. All of our fantastic outcomes will be showcased on our school website for you all to see!

Odd Socks day will also take place on Monday 15th November. All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks! We would be very grateful if your child could bring a donation of £1.00 to show their support. Funds raised will be used to buy resources to support the teaching and learning of Relationships Education in PSHCE.

Road Safety Awareness



After half term, the Pupil Leadership Team will launch road safety and run a project involving the community and pupil voice. On Wednesday 17th November, pupils will take part in a session with their class teacher to highlight the importance of road safety in the community.

If you have any questions about any of the events above, please contact school for more information. We look forward to celebrating our November events after half term with our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Pownall

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