

27th November 2017
(Letter 6)

Dear Parents / Carers

The **Whole School Art project - Journeys** – has now been completed and installed in the Middle Hall. It looks amazing – thanks to Ms McGill, Sandra and Chris for all their hard work putting it up. There is some information about the project, and some photos of the installation up in the main reception. Please feel free to come in with your child and have a look at the work – they should be able to find their own work in amongst the display. There has been some excellent writing done as part of this project as well, and this is in the process of being displayed in the Bottom Hall.



Well done to Joshua, in Class 5 Lawrence who has been awarded the top cub scout award – **The Chief Scout's Silver Award**. He went to a special ceremony and was presented with his award by Bear Grylls – very impressive! You can see a photo of him with his award on the Parents' noticeboard.

A reminder that we are holding **Parent workshops** this Wednesday – 29th November, at 9:00am. There will be sessions on phonics and on reading. We are aiming to answer the questions that we are frequently asked about how the children learn to read, and ways in which you can help the children with this at home. Strategies for reading change over time and it may well be a different approach to the one that you used as a child! Come along to find out more!



The teachers are carrying out a range of **assessments** with the children this week, so as to be able to find out how much progress they have made this term, and to be able to plan really tightly for the coming term. These assessments will involve some tests and reviews, some tasks that the children complete, and looking at evidence in the children's books. Following this the senior leaders will be looking at the data, and identifying where additional support is needed and where children may need to be raising their own expectations.

The children will be able to tell you in a few weeks what their targets are for the coming term.

By now you will have received your child's **school photo**. I hope that you are pleased with them. If you would like to order any copies / packages then the instructions of what to do were included. We will be taking class photos later on in the year.



A reminder that the **Hanukkah assembly**, being led by Year 2, is on Wednesday 6th December at 1:15pm. They are looking forward to sharing what they have learned with you – I do hope that many of the Y2 parents will come along to watch them.

The **Christmas season** is fast approaching! You will have had a letter about the **Christmas Fair**. Please help us by donating – prizes for the raffle or the tombola, and cakes and biscuits for the refreshment stall. If any of you would be able to help run a stall, your support would be most welcome. If you would like to help, but are not sure how – then come in and have a chat with Khadijah or Regina in the reception.



The **Christmas assemblies** are being thought about and prepared – auditions were held last week for the principal parts and rehearsals will start shortly. They will be performing on Tuesday 19th December – timings and ticket information to follow.

Some dates for this term for your diaries:

Christmas Fair – Friday 15th December (3:15pm)

World Religion Day – Monday 15th January

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Week – 22nd – 26th January

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March

Music Concert & Comic Relief – Friday 23rd March

Parents' Evenings – March 7th; July 11th



ASSEMBLIES

Hanukkah (Jewish) – Wed 6th Dec

Christmas (Christian) – Tues 19th Dec

Nirvana Day (Buddhist) – Wed 7th February

Holi (Hindu) – Wed 7th March

Please see the school date postcards or the website for further dates.

We will be finishing for the Christmas holidays on **Wednesday 20th December at 1:30pm**.

Kate McGee
Headteacher