



Newsletter 4

Friday 23rd October 2020

On Friday 16th October, we were visited by Dan, Lyndsey and Jasper from Hearts for Hope. As you may be aware, this is a charitable endeavour which raises money for local good causes by making and selling copper sculptures. They had very generously offered us £250 to pay for new Forest School equipment. We were absolutely delighted by the donation and they have also provided school with two copper hearts – one of which is on the field, and one of which is outside the main entrance. If you would like to know more about Hearts for Hope and their work, please have a look at [their website here](#).



Looking ahead to the next half term, Friday 13th November is Children in Need day. Under the current conditions, we will not be collecting within school itself. If you would like to make a donation, we will have collection buckets outside each classroom entrance at the start and end of the day. As it is Friday the 13th, we felt that a suitable theme for the day for dressing up would be Freaky Friday! Children can come in their freakiest clothing (which shouldn't be too difficult to find!). Any donations to this very worthwhile charity that does so much for vulnerable children, would be gratefully received.

FREAKY FRIDAY





Also, by way of advanced warning, on Friday 11th December, we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day in school. This will be in aid of Save The Children, another charity that supports vulnerable children. Ordinarily, we don't celebrate this in school, but we felt that as some of our other Christmas activities have fallen foul of the current Covid restrictions, we would make an exception this year.

Your children may have been playing a game on their tablet or PC at home called "Among us". This is a detective game set in space where different characters try to work out which one of them is a saboteur. While there is nothing worrying in the game itself, you do need to be aware that the chat (which is an essential part of the game) is unfiltered and, unless it is switched off by the user, may contain language inappropriate for children. As with any game which contains a chat element, we would suggest that you remind your child of the ways that they can stay safe online. Resources to support this can be found [here](#).



On Monday 9th November, as well as our school individual photographs, we will be going over to St Leonard's Church for our Remembrance Assembly. Unfortunately, this is not open to parents but if you would like your child to wear a poppy on that day, that would be lovely.

As we head into the October half term break, can I just say a thank you to all parents for their patience and understanding in what has been a difficult time for schools. As teachers and staff at Bretforton Village School, we really do appreciate your support over the past eight weeks in what has been a challenging time as we all became familiar with a new way of working. Can I also say thank you to all the staff for their hard work to ensure that the school environment is safe for everyone- they have definitely earned a rest over the October half term. I hope you all have a peaceful and safe break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd November.

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd November - First day of autumn term 2

Thursday 5th November – Children's Christmas Photoshoot

Monday 9th November – Individual school photos

Friday 13th November – Children in Need – Freaky Friday!

Tuesday 24th November – Flu Vaccinations for children

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children