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Dear Families.

What a wet and cold week we've had! I think we've all felt it this week. Let's hope it starts to ease off next week so we can get outside a bit more for playtime. Although having said that, the children are loving the indoor Wake up and Shake up! Yesterday I saw some of our Year One boys busting some moves to YMCA so I had no choice but to go in there and join in! It certainly was a work out! Now the weather has turned much colder, please make sure your child has a named hat, gloves and scarf to keep them warm on the playground and that their legs are covered where possible, so tights for the girls or they do have the option of wearing trousers if they would like to.

Year One had a brilliant time at the Think Tank and really got stuck into all the different exhibitions that were there. The weather was much better in Birmingham so the children were able to explore the outside exhibits too which they thoroughly enjoyed. See a photograph of their day below. Don't forget, many of the photographs were posted on the day on our Twitter Feed.

Remembrance day & Poppy Appeal: Once again, a huge thank you for your generosity around the poppy appeal. So many of you bought something and gave extra towards this very worthy cause. On Monday, we just had Reception Class for our Remembrance Day assembly as Year Ones were at the Think Tank. We were all so impressed with how well the Reception children did at holding a two minutes silence! Not one peep! We were able to watch the live feed of the two minute's silence at the Arboretum and all around the country, which made the children really feel part of something much bigger. It was very moving and the children were exceptionally respectful. Well done children, we were all very proud of you!

Children in Need: Again thank you for your generosity for this fabulous children's charity that does so much great work. The children always enjoy coming into school in their own clothes and I'm sure it kept them a bit warmer today too! I think they enjoyed their Pudsey Bear biscuits too! A huge thank you to Miss Karina for going to all that extra work.

Department for Education (Dfe) visit: As mentioned in last week's newsletter, an Education Expert from the DfE, Mr. George Bulman, will be visiting us for the day on Thursday. We are very much looking forward to showing Mr. Bulman our school and all the wonderful learning the children are engaged in. You will see Mr. Bulman at the end of the day out by the gate where he will be asking how your child is getting on at school and other things, so please do stop and have a chat.

Open Events: As previously mentioned, we have our Open Events coming up very soon, please see below. These are for prospective parents for both Nursery and Reception class 2020. Please do spread the word about these. Your recommendation is the best advertisement we could have! Tuesday 19th November 9:30-10:30am

Thursday 21st November 6-7pm

Tuesday 26th November 1:30-2:30pm

Congratulations: Huge congratulations to AJ and his parents as they welcomed a new addition to their family on Tuesday. Emma Rose was born weighing 7lb 9oz and AJ is a very proud big brother! Mum and baby are doing well.

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<u>Christmas Cards for you to order:</u> These should have been back in school today but if you have forgotten and would like to order your child's Christmas Card design, then please bring it in on Monday morning. Monday is the absolute deadline for us to order by. Many thanks.

<u>Big Bounce Event</u>: Flyers came home on Wednesday about this event at Shobnall Leisure Complex on Sunday 24th November. Information can be found at: www.bigbounceevents.co.uk We were also given a family ticket to give away. Therefore, we put all the names into a hat and Freya's name was picked out so congratulations to Freya & Archie who win a family ticket to the event - have a great time!

<u>Annie Jr:</u> In other news, Emily in Year One will be playing an Orphan in this year's Brewhouse production of Annie on 14th December at 2:30pm & 7:30pm. If you would like to go and see it, tickets are available from the Brewhouse (tel. 01283 508100). Congratulations Emily on being given this part and we know you will be brilliant!

<u>Harrier Award:</u> This week, Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen Jacob to receive the Harrier Award this week for showing respect to a friend. Jacob could see that they wanted a turn with a toy and without being asked, Jacob happily passed the toy to them and watched as they played. Very grown up Jacob! In Class One, Miss Coxon, Mrs Morgan and Miss Imran have chosen Holly for being respectful to all of the adults' instructions this week. Well done Holly!

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday. With very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins

