### **November School Theme - Respect**

At the heart of this work is an understanding of the value of respecting yourself, others, belongings and the environment we play, work and live in.

Children will be given opportunities to;

- · discuss what being respectful means to them,
- understand the rewards and benefits of being respectful and the consequences of being disrespectful,
- consider how to be respectful and which actions show respect/disrespect.
- Make time for fun and "down time" with your children to help keep some balance. This is also a great opportunity to enjoy some time listening and playing with your child.
- Allow your child to learn from their own mistakes with support. Giving them age appropriate freedoms will help them learn their own limits, and show you trust them to make appropriate decisions.
- Get advice and support if you're worried that something has changed with your child, talk to your GP or someone at your child's school. There is also great advice available for parents online, for instance on MindEd (www.minded.org.uk).

## **Nursery Applications**

We are now accepting applications for Nursery, if you have, or someone you know has a child turning three who will be eligible to join our happy and successful Nursery class, please apply now to secure a place. Details are on our website, and application forms are available from the school office. It's never too soon to apply as our waiting lists soon fill up.

#### **Winter Weather**

School reopens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. I expect the winter weather will be upon us, so please ensure your child wears a warm and waterproof coat to school every day.

### **Book Vending Machine**

This is proving to be very popular! Tokens are £3.00 from the school office. It is such a treat for the children to choose their book and see it drop into the tray. Many parents are using them for home rewards or birthday presents. They would make an excellent 'extra' later in December too...!

# **British Values**

We have had a very interesting day today learning all about the different aspects of British Values. A useful document with information for parents has been sent out with this newsletter.

#### **Staffing Changes**

A letter has been sent with this newsletter with information about staffing changes in school.

#### **Advance Notice**

It is Children in Need on 19<sup>th</sup> November, wear something spotty for a donation to this worthwhile cause. Children can Wear Something Spotty on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to support anti-bullying.