



Poppy Field School offers a holistic, family-oriented, therapeutic approach to bringing children inner-peace and contentment, enabling them to access education, and become positive, valued members of society.



Merry Christmas! Autumn (2) Newsletter 2023



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and we are all getting ready for a well-deserved break over the festive season.

We break up on **Friday 22nd December** and then come back to school on **Tuesday 9th January 2024**.

In the new year, on Monday 8th January, you can expect a phone call from your child's class teacher. They will be ringing to chat through the Autumn Term and review the IEP. They will then share new targets for the Spring Term. It is also an opportunity to share anything that school need to be aware of from the Christmas break.

Our office team are more than happy to help with any queries you may have around this and can be contacted on 0151 332 3000, alternatively you can email Tracey at:

tdwyer@poppyfieldschool.co.uk



Fundraising this Half Term!



We have participated in numerous events this half term to raise both funds and awareness for various causes.

All classes participated in lessons focusing on the importance of **Remembrance Day**, and then took themselves to local stores to donate to the Royal British Legion and purchase Poppy merchandise. As a school we donated **£45** to the charity, and all participated in a two-minute silence to show our respect.

We then donned odd socks for **Anti Bullying Day**, and again really focused on understanding the term 'bullying' and how it can look and feel. This led to some excellent open and honest discussions with a real commitment from all students that our school, will **not** tolerate bullying in any form.

Finally, we got spotty for **Children in Need**. We came in spotty influenced non uniform and engaged in some fun activities over the day, along with some important research and understanding about the Children in Need charity and the work that they do. We are delighted to say we raised a total of **£32.50**, which went directly to the charity.

A reminder that we have one final event this week – and that is our '**Christmas Jumper Day**' on **Wednesday 20th December**. This will raise money for Save the Children fund and carries a suggested donation of £1.

A sincere and heartfelt **THANK YOU** for your continued support with these events. They are for students to participate as they feel comfortable, but they wouldn't be the success they are without your support.



Fourth Class Opening in January!

We are very excited to announce that our fourth and final class will be opening when we return in January – Class Hopkin!

We have recruited two new teachers who will be joining the team and have some new students joining the school too.

Ashley will be joining us as class teacher in Hopkin, and Dawn as class teacher in Deaville. Both were interviewed by our school councillors and taught some practice lessons in class Armitage. They created fabulous impressions with the students, so we can't wait to welcome them to the team.

Sadly, Jake will be returning to our sister school Bluebell. He has supported us as we opened our doors and completed our first full term. We are sure you would agree that he has been a fantastic support to the opening of the school and we all extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to him for the future.



It's Good to Talk!



Every **Wednesday afternoon**, we have our school therapy team on site and available to catch up with parents and carers should anyone wish to come along and have a chat.

We are setting themes each week - which may offer support in areas that can be challenging, offering advice and support. Watch our Facebook page, and ParentMail for notifications of the themes each week. Please be assured that if you just want a chat – the time is yours, and can be about other subjects if that is more valuable to you.

Slots are available from **1.20pm - 2.35pm**, on site at **Poppy Field School**.

If you feel this would be helpful, please telephone Poppy Field on **0151 332 3000** to arrange a visit, or email Tracey at **tdwyer@poppyfieldschool.co.uk**.

Due to the space in school, we request that you book ahead, so we can manage time and space appropriately.



Leadership Roles



This half term we have advertised and introduced leadership roles across the school which students have applied for, interviewed for with successful applicants then being appointed. These are areas of responsibility for each student, and excellent practice building skills in a safe environment. Skills that will be used later in life as applications for colleges, apprenticeships and work become a reality.

We have appointed a Friendship Club Leader, Kitchen Assistant, Absence Reporter, and Kitchen Liaison Officer.

We have also started our wonderful Reading Buddy sessions on a Friday morning, where class Armitage, come and share books and stories with class Sutherland – which is very definitely the highlight of the week for both sets of students!

We have also run a really successful series of lunch time clubs where students can meet and mix sharing assorted interests. These have included Friendship Club, Art and Craft club, Lego Club, Football Club and Basketball Club.

Finally, our School Council have remained a positive pillar in the school running with all councillors embracing the role positively and with maturity.

These roles will be advertised again in January for the Spring Term allowing different students to take on the roles.

Where have we been?

We have enjoyed a jam packed half term with trips a plenty across school to enhance our learning. We have visited Quarry Bank Mill, the local Library, Weaver Hall Museum, St Helens Theatre for the whole school pantomime and various local shops for social skills, prize shopping, resource finding and poppy purchasing!



Drop Off and Collection

As we grow the school, we understand that the morning and afternoon routines are likely to become busier with more vehicles on site dropping students off and collecting them. Ahead of this we have reviewed our procedure, and implemented very clear drop off and collection rules for vehicles on site. These are essential to ensure the safety of all our students and staff who are on the playground during this time. If anyone has any queries regarding the procedures, please feel free to chat to Nicky on 0151 332 3000, or drop her an email at nhadfield@poppyfieldschool.co.uk. Many thanks, as always, for your continued support.

A small selection of pictures from this half term...

