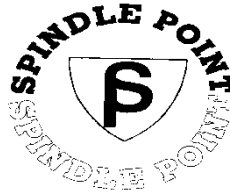


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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a great first week back, celebrating Black History month. We have already had some classes taking trips to support the arts curriculum and to widen their experiences. Attendance is high and the children are working hard!

There is a lot going on this half term and I have shared all the dates with you so that there are no surprises! Obviously we will still send reminders out and all information is on our school website.

### PTFA

Mrs McGann has stepped down as treasurer and Mrs Allwood as chair, after many years commitment to the PTFA. We are thankful for all of their hard work and leadership in raising money for the school. Over the years this equates to approximately £27,000 to benefit the children. In terms of the current school budget climate and to continue to organise events for our children's enjoyment, it is crucial that we maintain fundraisers for the school. Please do come along to our PTFA meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We need your support if we are to keep these events going...

### Parents Evenings

Thank you to all parents that attended to celebrate the children's achievements and set new targets. Our home/ school partnerships are so important to ensure we support the children to do their very best. Thanks for your continued support in ensuring our children read at least three times a week and learn times tables/spellings etc. We can see the impact of those children that do. It was lovely to see so many children being rewarded for their hard work at the book fair. The book fair raised a whopping £600 worth of free books which will allow us to purchase new stock for our school library.

### Harvest

Thank you for all of the harvest donations this year. Lily and Azeem, our school councillors, took all the donations to Farnworth Food Bank. The Food Bank was very grateful for these items and I'm sure our local community benefitted from these.

### Rock Steady

We have had a great uptake for this service and our first band rehearsals will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. If any children are still keen to join a rock band, please access the website and book on! Our first gigs will take place at the end of Spring term ☺.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week will take place commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. To launch this, we are asking children to wear odd socks to school. Lots of activities will be taking place to promote online safety, support children's confidence and build preventative behaviours etc. This would be an ideal time for you to talk about anti bullying at home and how we are all responsible for stopping negative behaviours.

### Children in Need

Our very own Zara is starring in this year's Children in Need advert. We are very proud of her and we think it is great that she is promoting this charity. We will be trying to support this by encouraging children to wear something spotty to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. We ask you to donate £1 to this worthy cause.

Link to advert - <https://www.youtube.com/user/BCCiN>

### Parking

Parking continues to be an issue and I receive several complaints a week about people parking so that the wagons cannot get through, or blocking the footpaths. Some parents are still parking on the yellow zig zag lines or outside of the school gates. PLEASE, **do not park here**. These lines are marked out as this is where the blind spots can be and they are there to PROTECT our children. I will be speaking to parents who continue to park here. Let us keep our children safe.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and feedback.

Miss J Bingham  
Headteacher



## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Octagon Theatre Trip	Year 4
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Library visit	Farnworth library
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Cinema Trip to The Light 'Zoo'	Year 4, 5 and 6 Please send your child with a snack and drink for the show!
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Viking Workshops	Year 3 and 4
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Rock Steady Music bands starts	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day	
	Heights and Weights Check	Year 6
	Birds Workshop	Year 4
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Library visit	Farnworth library
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Meeting 3.30pm	Staff room
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Online Safety Day	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	Wear something spotty to school £1
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations	Year R-5
	Visit to see author Andy Briggs	Year 5 and 6 (walking to St. Stephens)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Individual Children School Photos	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Little Roots Celebration at Brownlow Fold Primary	Year 3
	Computing Trip to Smithills	Year 6
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability	Year 6
	Own Clothes Day for Christmas Coffee Afternoon	Details to follow
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Lego We Do trip	Year 2
	Bridgewater Hall Evening Concert	Choir
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Coffee Afternoon	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Grandparents KS1 Nativity	9.30am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Staircase House Trip	Year 2
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Children Christmas Dinner	
	KS1 Nativity for parents	2pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Performance	9.30am
	KS1 Nativity for parents	10.30am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service at Kearsley Mount	5.30pm start
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Party	pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party	pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime in school	am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Jumper/Toy Day	
	Break up for Christmas	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Children return to school	

