

Dear Parents / Carers

### Odd Socks Day

**Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day 2024 is taking place on Tuesday 12th November.**

Odd Socks Day is an annual event that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion. It is a light-hearted and symbolic gesture that serves as a reminder that being different is something to be proud of. Children are encouraged to wear odd socks to school on this day.



### Children in Need

**BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be.**

**For this to happen, we want every child to have someone they can turn to for help or support to overcome challenges they face...**

At school we will be raising awareness for Children in Need on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. The children can wear non-uniform to school on this day – this can include Children in Need themed clothing. Throughout the day, children will be participating in a range of activities in in their class. The suggested donation to raise money is £1 but any donation is welcome.

### Start and End of day

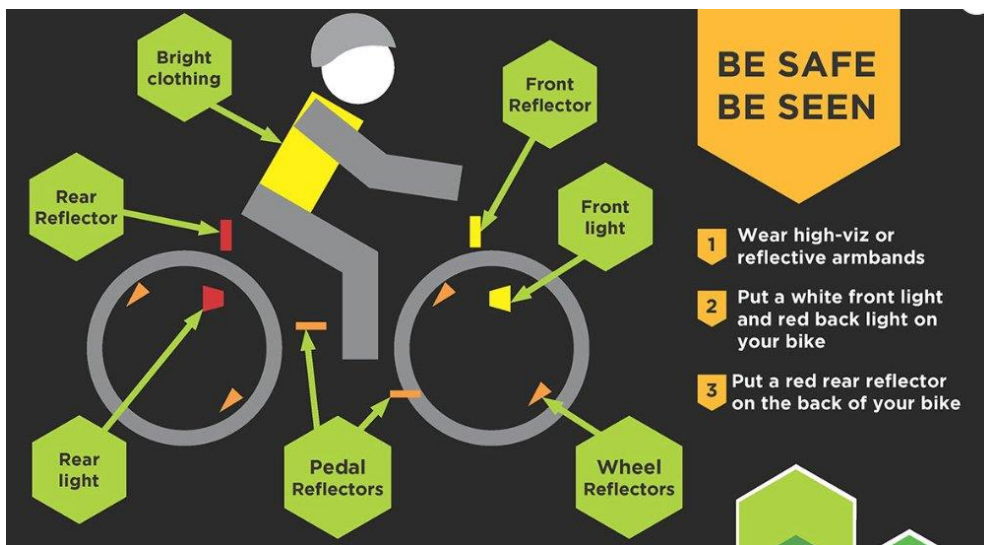
We have had numerous messages from parents regarding the safety of children before and after school. Please can you ensure your child(ren) are making the correct choices on the playground both before school and after school. The areas that have been highlighted are around the bike sheds on the KS1 playground and on the back field outside the KS2 gate. Just a polite reminder that scooters and bikes need to be pushed and not ridden on the playground. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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**Road Safety**

As the nights are drawing in earlier, it is vital that we stay safe on our scooters and bikes in the dark. Here are some top tips and reminders to ensure our children are staying safe and staying seen.



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### **Attendance**

Good attendance = better progress so thank you for your support. We will continue to monitor attendance and are here to offer support to any families that need it. Keep working hard to come to school everyday so no learning time is lost.

### **School Attendance target is: 96%**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Nursery	97.14%
Colorado	93.7%
Danube	92.7%
Mississippi	95.9%
Orinoco	94.3%
Rhine	97.2%
Nile	91.4%
Amazon	94.4%
Saigon	92.9%
Zambezi	96.7%

Our EYFS/KS1 winners this week are Mississippi class.

Our KS2 winners this week are Rhine class.

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## Key Dates

Below are some upcoming dates for your diary. More will be added over the next few weeks so please keep an eye out for them.

Event	Dates / Times
Year 3/4 Football @ Walton	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 1.15 – 3.15
Year 6 War Horse Walk	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 10.00 – 12.00
Odd Socks Day	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Reception Open Evening	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 4.00 - 5.00 Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 4.00 - 5.00
Danube Parents' Evening	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 3.30 - 6.00
Future In Minds – Sleep Training (meeting for parents)	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2.00-3.00
Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – Nursery Rhyme Singing	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 8.45 – 9.15
PTA Event – Christmas Raffle Prizes	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November – All day
Robin Wood Parent Assembly	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2.30 – 3.00
KS1 Football @ Normanton Common	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 1.15 - 2.45
Sublime Science – All School Participation	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November – All day
New to Nursery Parent Meeting	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December – 4.00 – 5.00
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
EYFS Nativity	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30 – 11.15

Many thanks  
Mr L Oldroyd  
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