



# John Gulson Primary School Newsletter

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## Upcoming dates

11.11.2020	Remembrance – Class assembly (Year 3 – Judith Russell-Brookes)	Will be put on Dojo
12.11.2020	Diwali – Class Assembly (Year 4 – James Tiernan)	Will be put on Dojo
13.11.2020	Children in Need	All day
16.11.2020-20.11.2020	Anti-Bullying Week Class assemblies in Y1 and 5	
23.11.2020-27.11.2020	Autumn Assessment Week	All week
15.12.2020	KS1 Christmas sing-a long	Will be put on Dojo
16.12.2020	KS2 Christmas sing-a long	Will be put on Dojo
17.12.2020	EYFS/KS1 HT Award Assembly	Will be put on Dojo
18.12.2020	KS2 HT Award Assembly	Will be put on Dojo
18.12.2020	<b>End of Autumn Term</b>	

## Message from Ms Sumner:

It is wonderful to see the children back! They were all excited to see the changes to their classrooms and to find out about the wonderful new curriculum. I have spoken to many happy children! From next week the class attendance data will be published in this newsletter – the class who has the highest overall attendance at the end of each half-term will get a special treat!

Our JIGSAW theme this half-term is 'Celebrating Differences' and during assembly, I asked the children to think about what makes them special and unique. We have a wonderfully inclusive community which I think makes this school truly wonderful.

And finally, my sincere thankyou to all of you for continuing to support us and work with us during the start of a second national lockdown. Your contribution and commitment to keeping our families and staff safe are greatly appreciated.

## Curriculum

The curriculum is now in place! You should receive an overview of what your child is learning this half-term (this will be on Dojo and the website) by the end of the day. All children will be studying Art this half term; KS1 are studying History, whilst Key Stage 2 are studying Geography. Look out for weekly updates for your children on their Class Dojo story page!

Please do have a look at the Curriculum area of the website as we upload all of our new plans!

### Hot Dinners Are Back!

This week, hot dinners have been available to all children from Year R to Year 6! Thank you so much to Lee and his team! Every time I walk near the kitchen the smell is divine and I am currently enjoying a cinnamon roll whilst typing this letter!



### Birthday Celebrations



Since lockdown began (the first time!) children in general have started to miss out on celebrations that they would normally share with their friends, for example, birthday parties. Therefore, whilst we remain in a lockdown situation, on the last Friday every month children who have had a birthday within that month will be able to have a 'birthday party' with their class in their bubble. Whilst gifts and sweets are not allowed to be shared at present, due to touch contact, we will play games and sing happy birthday to the children. Children who have had their birthday in September and October will take part in the first celebration at the end of this month.

And finally:

**LEARNING ENVIRONMENT** – as you cannot come to us, we thought we would bring the exciting changes to you!

Look at the some of the wonderful environments the children are working in!



**HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND EVERYONE. PLEASE STAY SAFE AND WE WILL SEE YOU ALL ON MONDAY MORNING!**