

Hunsdon JMI School

The Autumn Term is now in its stride and it has been a lovely start to the school year. The children had an inspirational boost to their writing skills when author Sue Hampton let them into some of her trade secrets, and after Sarah Elliott's visit, many of them are already sporting 'walk to school' badges! As we head towards the second half of the term there is still plenty to look forward to – don't forget to check our website for information, news and photos.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - It was wonderful to have such a great turnout! Thank you to all who supported this event, whether by baking cakes or by buying them – and especially to Cedar Class who were superb waiting staff! We raised a fantastic total of £318.17 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- **Absence** - Please make sure you let Mrs. Poole know if your child is absent from school as soon as possible. Upon their return to school we need to have a letter confirming dates and reason for absence for our records.
- **Free School Meals** If you think that your child/ren would qualify for Free School Meals you can check their eligibility at: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> or follow the link from the 'External Links' page on our website.

COMING UP:

HARVEST ASSEMBLY - MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 9.10am - This year the focus for our Harvest Fundraising will be the charity 'Farm Africa'. Our Great Sponsored Welly Walk will take place in the school grounds at the beginning of the school day, so I would like to invite you all to arrive at school wearing your wellies (decorated to your personal taste) and with sponsorship forms in hands! Following the walk we will gather in the hall for our Harvest Assembly.

KINGSWOOD MEETING – TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 3.30pm – Cedar Class pupils and their parents are invited to come and find out all about this year's residential trip to Kingswood

INSET / OCCASIONAL DAYS - Please don't forget that we finish for the half term break on Wednesday 24th October, returning on Monday 5th November

YEAR3 SPORTSHALL FESTIVAL – THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 1.30pm to 3pm – It's our Year 3s turn to represent the school in the annual Sportshall Festival!

FIREWORKS - SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER DOORS OPEN 5:00pm – Make sure you purchase your tickets EARLY – they are available at a reduced price until Friday 26th October. More information from the school office

PARLIAMENT WEEK - 12TH NOVEMBER – We will be working to develop an understanding of the principles of democracy and how it works in the United Kingdom and at the end of the week our MP, Mark Prisk, will be visiting. This week is also **ANTI BULLYING WEEK** which will culminate in a production and workshop by Altru Theatre.

CORAM LIFESPACE – THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER – 'Helping children make healthy choices' is the focus of this term's CORAM visit. There's a rumour that the bus has been replaced by a giant, inflatable tent that will fill our hall which should be rather exciting! There's also an opportunity for parents to experience the 'lifespace' after school when you are invited to a drug education workshop

WWI DAY - FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER – As you will be aware, November marks the centenary of the end of World War One. The children have been studying different aspects of life during the war and have worked in the school council to put together a very thoughtful WWI themed topic day featuring a mix of art, games, music and food to commemorate the Armistice. We would like the children to come to school dressed in costumes representing the period (and appropriate for the present-day weather!)

CHRISTMAS MARKET - FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2.30pm to 5pm - Make a note of the date and come along to kick off the festive season!

Yours sincerely

Mr J Millward, Head teacher