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Last week I enjoyed showing a large number of prospective parents around Kents Hill School as part of our Open Day. The feedback I received from the parents was very positive. They were complementary of the children's behaviour around school, the quality of interaction between staff and children, and a number of them congratulated the school on the outcome of our Ofsted inspection in June. Don't worry if you, or someone you may know, missed out. **We will be holding a second Open Day on Wednesday 15th November with tours running from 9.15am, 11am and 1.15pm.** Please support your school and recommend us to anyone you may know looking for a school space for September.

We also held a parent workshop called "Positivity for you and your family" on Thursday 9th November. Thank you to all of the parents who attended and I hope you found it useful, informative and maybe even a little entertaining. If there is suitable interest in this workshop then I will run it again in the future. The feedback from the workshops was also fantastic – so thank you. Comments included:

- "Really glad I made it! Thank you for such an eye-opener. Will definitely be putting this into place."
- "Mondays will never be the same! Thank you for a very thought provoking session."
- "Thank you so much for a truly inspirational workshop. Really got me thinking and I am going to put it into practice. I left the school today with a big smile on my face."
- "It was brilliant, thank you. This workshop will make a real difference to everyone who attends. Very inspirational."

Simon Bolger

Stars of the Week

Last week's 'Stars of the Week' were **Isaac** and **Jasmine S** in Year 2, **Reymond** and **Skylar** in Year 1, and **Evie S** and **Tristan** in Reception. The 'Stars of the Week' from the week before were **Isabella** and **Daisy** in Reception. Well done to these children for putting a brilliant effort into all of their learning.

Anti-Bullying Week 2017

This week (13th – 17th November) is National Anti-Bullying Week. As part of assembly on Friday we will help children to understand what bullying actually is, how their "innocent" actions might be perceived by others as bullying and what to do about it if they feel bullied.

Bullying is defined as “*deliberately hurtful behaviour, which is unprovoked, repeated regularly over a short period of time, where it is difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves*”.

We will remind the children that bullying is not “*the odd occasion*” of falling out with friends, name calling, arguments or when the occasional trick or joke is played on someone. Children sometimes fall out or say things because they are upset. It is an important part of children’s development to learn how to deal with friendship breakdowns, the odd name calling or childish prank. We all have to learn how to deal with these situations and develop social skills to repair relationships.

As a general reminder:

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that’s rude.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that’s MEAN.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* even when you tell them to stop or show them that you’re upset, that’s **BULLYING**.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

A vote was held in school and organised by the School Council at the start of November to determine what the school community would like to do for Children in Need. The children in school voted to come into school on Friday **wearing something spotty in exchange for a £1 donation** towards Children in Need.

Children in Need was created to ensure that every child in the UK has a childhood which is:

- Safe
- Happy and Secure
- Allows them the chance to reach their potential

Children in Need provide grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged. They are local to people in all corners of the UK and support small and large organisations which empower children and extend their life choices. Children in Need are currently supporting 2,400 projects all across the UK. The projects they fund help children facing a range of disadvantages for example poverty and deprivation; children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect or disabled young people.

Don’t forget to wear something spotty on Friday 17th November in exchange for a £1 donation to help support Children in Need. You can watch TV coverage of the fundraising event on Friday on BBC One from 7.30pm.

This week we are selling **Children in Need wristbands** in school at the main office at a **cost of £1**. Children will also have the opportunity to buy them during the day for the rest of this week.

Friday 1st December is an INSET Day

There will be no children in school on this day. If you would like to make use of Kents Hill Care Club on this day then ask the staff in the office about availability.

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 15th November Open Day

Friday 17th November Children in Need – wear something spotty in exchange for a £1 donation

Monday 20th November Nursery Parent and Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 22nd November Nursery Parent and Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 22nd November Stop and Share – 8.50am

Friday 1st December INSET Day – **no children in school**

Wednesday 6th December Reception Morning Christmas Performance

Thursday 7th December Reception Afternoon Christmas Performance

Thursday 7th December School Council Elections for Spring Term
Friday 8th December Father Christmas visiting school
Tuesday 12th December Nursery Christmas Performance (*this is an amended date*)
Tuesday 12th December Year 1 and 2 Christingle Service
Wednesday 13th December Dolce Christmas Meal
Wednesday 13th December Year 2 children visiting local care homes to sing Christmas songs
Friday 15th December Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15th December 3.00pm School Closes for Christmas Holiday
More information will follow about a number of these dates.
