

# NEWSLETTER



**BALFOUR**  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 11th October 2024

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## Important Dates:



### **Maths workshops for parents (9:00am)**

Year 6—Monday 14th October

### **Height and weight measure for Year 6 pupils:**

Tuesday 15th October

### **Parents' Evening:**

Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October

### **Parent coffee**

**morning**—Thursday 17th October

### **Last day of term 1 and TAG day:**

Friday 18th October

### **First day of term 2:**

Monday 4th November

### **INSET day—no pupils in school:**

Friday 22nd November

### **Armistice day - 2 minutes silence:**

Monday 11th November



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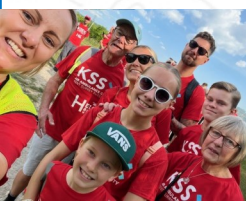
## **Remembrance**

We will be observing 2 minutes of silence at 11am on Monday 11th November, to commemorate Armistice day and reflect on the service and sacrifice the Armed Forces make on our behalf. On this day, any pupils who are members of uniformed groups such as Scouts and Brownies may wear their uniform to school. We will also be selling poppies and other Royal British Legion merchandise from next week in the school office, and children may visit during morning play.



## **Congratulations!**

A very big well done to Elliot in Year 5, as he recently completed a 7.5 mile hike with his family, through the



Aylesford countryside raising money for Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS). KSS, are our local life saving Air Ambulance Charity and they need to raise £51k every single day to be there for the most poorly and severely injured people in our community. KSS brings the hospital room to the patients side, fast, on average 9 times every day, saving thousands of lives each year. They can not do it without the generosity of their supporters, and rely on donations to keep them flying. The Heli Hike raised over £17k, which is enough for 4 life-saving missions. Well done to

everyone who took part and we're so proud of you Elliot!

## **TAG days.**

On the last day of term, Friday October 18th, we will be holding a TAG day.

On TAG days, pupils may wear their own clothes to school. We ask for a £1 donation for this term's TAG day, to go towards Friends of Balfour funds. This can be paid in cash or via ParentPay. The last day of every term throughout the year will be a TAG day. We don't always ask for donations and some are just for fun and a treat for the children!

*TAG DAY*

## **Car park—supervision of children**

If you are waiting at the front of the school at the end of the day or to pick your child up from a club and have younger children with you, please ensure they are adequately supervised while you wait. We have seen a number of small children running between cars and scooting or playing up and down the driveway without an adult. Staff and visitors may be leaving or arriving at these times and for safety reasons, it is vital that all children are properly supervised to ensure they are also not near to parked cars. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Uniform policy—earrings and jewellery during PE lessons**

Please note that earrings and watches must be removed during PE lessons, including when going swimming. This is for safety reasons, to avoid accidents or injuries. If ears have been recently pierced and can't be removed for the first 6 weeks after piercing, you must provide tape for your child to use to cover them during PE lessons. Staff are not able to remove earring, so pupils must be able to do this themselves. No other jewellery is permitted in school, with religious exceptions, so bracelets, necklaces etc. should not be worn to school please. Our full uniform policy can be found on our [website](#).

## *Achievement Award*



**Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!**



3H: Shania	3L: Yaqub	3M: Hallie	3P: Anabelle
4H: Tony	4B: Arjan	4T: Cody	4O'K: Deeshawn & Chukwunweike
5H: Elsie	5K: Alisha	5C: Casper	5R: Esmae
6K: Rajveer	6L: Olivia	6Ma: Ava	6Mo: Uzair