

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Remembrance Day  
Assembly

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anti-Bullying Week  
(various in-school activities)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Odd Sock Day  
(a whole school anti-  
bullying week activity)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Christmas Decoration Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Jumper and  
Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Virtual Christmas Event  
and Christmas Parties

[Class Reference  
Information:](#)

Reception = Robin and  
Wren (EYFS/Foundation  
Stage)

KS1 = Swift, Nightingale  
and Woodpecker (Year 1  
and 2)

Lower KS2 = Buzzard,  
Osprey Falcon, and  
Skylark (Year 3 and 4)

Upper KS2 = Kestrel, Red  
Kite, Owl and Eagle (Year  
5 and 6)

## Virtual Assembly Focus: Perseverance

### **Return to school:**

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after half term and to continue with school life. The children have returned engaged and enthusiastic, which is wonderful to see. This term Knowledge Organisers are being sent via Parent Hub – if you would like printed copies please contact your child's teacher. We have also launched our virtual tour which can be viewed by clicking the link on our website banner.

**Spectacular Firework Extravaganza:** It was fantastic to walk around school yesterday and see the classrooms and corridors filled with bright colours and sparkle. I hope your child/ren enjoyed their day – the outcomes from the day certainly reflect how enjoyable our day was.

**Lockdown Photo Canvas:** On Tuesday, I received the lockdown photo canvas which unites all our pupils and staff on one canvas whilst we were all apart. A huge thank you to Emma Surrey for her hard work and efforts to design and create this wonderful piece of history – it will be displayed, pride of place, in school.

### **Welcome:**

Congratulations to Miss Ishka Trace who is going to be teaching in Owl Class, as a job share with Miss Henry, following Miss Henry's Acting Assistant Head promotion. Miss Trace has worked in the school, and with Owl Class, as a student and we are pleased she is able to begin her career with us.

### **Christmas Celebrations:**

I always feel writing about Christmas in November is a little premature, but equally want to ensure everyone has a clear understanding of what is going to happen throughout this term.

At GVP we are committed to ensuring that the children's learning continues to the end of every term, as it is important to ensure we cover all areas of the curriculum. However, we also understand the importance of marking certain times of the year, and this year it may be argued that it is even more important to do so than ever. Therefore, we will be holding a number of days and events to celebrate Christmas; on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we will be having our annual Christmas Decoration Day, unfortunately without parents, this year. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> we will be wearing Christmas Jumpers and eating Christmas Dinner, and finally on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> we are hoping to have a Virtual Christmas Event, and in the afternoon, Christmas parties will take place. Further information will be shared, nearer the time about each of these events, including the additional measures we will be putting in place, this year, to ensure we are Covid secure.

During the rest of the month, the planned curriculum will continue to be delivered.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe weekend at home.