

## Achievements this week ...

- Jose Carlos** Using his communication methods to tell adults what he wants and where he wants to go
- Poppy** Persevering so hard to use her voice and then being so proud of herself when she did! Amazing!
- Abdullahi** Requesting and working hard at the TEACCH station
- Aisha** Working hard on her sit to stand transfers
- Darcy** Leading the ‘good morning’ session in class by herself



## Covid 19 Updates

Please refer to Toni’s email sent this morning regarding changes to the Covid risk assessment and the school’s response to possible Covid symptoms and the impact on bubbles opening and closing.

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Samaritan’s Purse UK is an international relief and development organisation who work in communities of need in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Every Christmas they run an appeal over Christmas called Operation Christmas Child. They collect shoeboxes filled with personal care items, toys, stationary, etc. donated to them and send these around the world to the communities they work in. I’ve been involved with this appeal over the past 8 years and receive a postcard with a photo of the child who has received my shoebox. I’ve also met an adult from Eastern Europe who shared her story of receiving a shoebox when she was a child. We would love to be able to support this appeal further by asking staff and our families to get involved this year. Wouldn’t it be great if we could perhaps reach a target of sending 50 boxes between our Greenmead families and staff members?

The shoeboxes have arrived and next week we will be sending home a pre-printed shoebox to each family and the idea is to choose a boy or a girl and an age range that you want to buy for and fill the shoebox. This might be something fun for you to do with your child over half term. You can send your filled shoebox back to school and we will deliver them to a drop off point in Raynes Park.

More details to follow but you can get more information by visiting the Samaritan’s Purse website <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



## Foodbank Donations

As part of our World Food Day and Harvest Festival on the **16<sup>th</sup> October** we will be collecting donations for local foodbanks. We've been a part of this over the past 3 years and you have all been so generous. We'll be joining up with Ronald Ross School again this year so that our donations together are even greater.

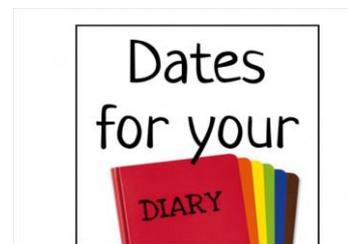
### **Items needed this year are;**

Can openers, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned fish, packet soup (not tinned), noodles, shower gel, tomato ketchup and biscuits.



## Key diary dates for Autumn Term

<b>16.10.2020</b>	World Food Day and Harvest
<b>26-30.10.2020</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>2.11.2020</b>	Autumn 2 term starts
<b>5.11.2020</b>	Guy Fawkes
<b>13.11.2020</b>	Children in Need day
<b>14.11.2020</b>	Diwali
<b>23&amp;24.11.2020</b>	Parent/teacher telephone Conferences
<b>10.12.2020</b>	Hanukkah
<b>18.12.2020</b>	Christmas production (tbc)
<b>18.12.2020</b>	End of term (1pm finish for pupils)
<b>21.12.2020-1.01.2021</b>	<b>HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>4.01.2021</b>	INSET day for staff (no pupils in school)
<b>5.01.2021</b>	Spring term 1 starts



## Mars Class' Inspirational Artists



As part of the theme 'Silver Linings' Mars Class have been learning about different artists who have used their talents to bring joy and inspiration to others through their work.

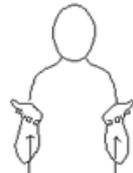
Over the last two weeks they have learnt about Matisse who was confined to his bed through illness and used his bedroom ceiling to create collages and paintings. The pupils all did chalk drawings whilst lying under tables.

They also learnt about Alison Lapper who uses her mouth to paint. The pupils all had the experience of painting pictures with paintbrushes in their mouths.

## Signs of the Week

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**Following Directions**

Use these to help the students understand and respond quickly

	
<b>Sit</b> Directional: move sign towards where they must sit	<b>Stand Up</b>
	
<b>Go</b> Directional: move sign towards where they must go	<b>Stop</b>