

Newsletter 9 (2020-21)

November 13th, 2020

Dear Parents,

Remembrance Service and Two Minutes Silence – but not as we are used to

This week saw some very moving Remembrance experiences with Year Six leading the Church service with Father Bradley and all children marking the very special two minute silence that remembered particularly the 100th anniversary of the burial of the Unknown Soldier. The children take these occasions very seriously and I was immensely proud of the respect they showed.

PTA NEWS

The PTA Reps are busy on your behalf coming up with some really interesting fund raising ideas for between now and Christmas. There will be some personalised T-Towels coming your way soon so keep a look out for the order form. These high quality items will make excellent Christmas presents.....

In partnership with the Advent Calendar we open every day from December 1st, we will be holding an Advent Raffle which will be drawn every day until the end of term. Exciting prizes are expected and raffle tickets will be on sale soon via ParentMail.

There are also plans for a Zoomed Quiz so watch this space!

The Book Fair is Proving Hugely Popular

Thank you to everyone who bought books and other goodies from the Book Fair this week. The orders have been flooding in and Miss Granite has been rushed off her feet ensuring the children had their books for the weekend. Every order means money can be earned for school which, in turn, is used to buy more books for the children – a win, win situation!

The Ultimate Compliments Paid To The Children by Visiting Harrison's Area Manager

Yesterday, the Area Manager from our Harrison's our Catering Company, Mr. Don Donaldson, paid a visit to the kitchen to see how well the Catering Team were getting on and he was delighted with the great team work he witnessed, the delicious food prepared and the high level of cleanliness of the kitchen – marvellous.

He also took time to tell me that in all his many visits to a wide range of schools, he could not remember when he had met such well behaved and extremely polite children – marvellous#2! Well done everyone, we are so delighted with you!

Next Week is Anti-Bullying Week – A Message from Miss Horn

Anti-Bullying Week will be taking place from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November. This year, the theme is *United Against Bullying*.

We will be marking the first day of this special week by taking part in Odd Socks Day. We would like to invite the **children to come to school in odd socks on 16th November** so we can celebrate our individuality. There is no charge for taking part. If you would like to purchase a pair of socks from school for your child to wear on the day, please contact the school office. There are many different designs available! Throughout the week, the children will complete various activities to learn more about the things we can do to tackle bullying in our school.

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Amber has been a good friend to many children in Nursery this week. She has been kind, caring and considerate with others by helping them and playing with them nicely. Amber has also done well listening to her teachers and taking into consideration what others tell her. Well done Amber! Keep up the great work!

Reception: Everyone in Reception has been absolutely amazing this week – well done!

Year One: Our Star of the Week is Dahlia. She has been very focused, working hard in every lesson. We have been particularly impressed with Dalia's reading this week- keep up the good work!

Year Two: Arnica

You have settled into Year Two wonderfully. You are always so kind, polite and positive about learning. Your maths today was brilliant! Well done and keep it up.

Year Three:

Congratulations Eludd! You are our Star of the Week this week for your outstanding effort and work. Your character description in English was fantastic and so was your Stone Age art. Miss Anselm has also been very impressed with your effort with your morning activities. We are very proud of you and look forward to seeing more excellent learning from you this year – well done and keep up the great work!

Year Four: Abigail has had a fantastic week. She shows excellent focus in class and gives every task her full effort! Well done on another great week.

Year Five: Isobel has had another fantastic week. She is continuing to quietly get on with her work in a productive, purposeful and progressive manner. Some of the language that Isobel uses in her writing is quite simply sublime. Brilliant!

Year Six: Well done Alma, you are the star of the week. You have had a fantastic week and you recited your poem for our Remembrance Service so eloquently. You are a wonderful pupil and a pleasure to teach. Well done!

Friday TryDay: Today the children tried **CHOCOLATE PASTA (who knew?!)** with chocolate sauce. Mixed review but mostly positive. Apologies to children who are Gluten or dairy intolerant, I will make sure next week's choice meets with your requirements.

With love and best wishes,

Miss Woodford