



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER



"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"

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It has been a fantastic week in school and we have been able to spend time focussing on remembrance and what that means and really engaging in learning. Progress in the children's books is looking good and we are celebrating their successes with them. Please talk to the children about their learning, as they will have so much to share with you.

Christian values – Our values for this half term are *hope, perseverance and courage* and the children will be focussing on these during their worship time.

Children in Need – Tomorrow Friday 13th November, as a school we will be supporting the 'Children in Need' appeal with a **Pyjama day**. There will be a bucket on the playground at drop off and pick up for you, or your child, to **donate £1.00** towards the appeal. Although the children can wear pyjamas, they **MUST also have a warm coat, hat, gloves etc. and sensible shoes for playtime and their PE kit must be in school. I would also suggest that they wear thermals, vests or 'skins' underneath. Outdoor shoes must be worn, no slippers.**



Remembrance Day – On Sunday 8th November, a few members of the community collected together to lay a wreath and we placed one on behalf of the school up at St Mary's church. We still want the school to be at the heart of our community even with a lockdown. Our school zoomed the service to all the classrooms and at 11am on the 11th November, some of the Year 6 children read prayers and poems and placed our wreath with our fallen soldier. All the children contributed to the poppy display that you can see in the photo. Thank you to those children who chose to wear their uniforms – you all looked very smart.





Vine leaves – These children have been awarded a vine leaf:- **Darcy MP (USA)** for her perseverance in her Maths lesson, you were determined to succeed and you kept going. **Isla F (USA)** for humility as you made sure you put others before yourself and were aware of their needs. **Jessica L (Mex)** for resilience and kindness – you should be proud of the person that you are because you only give 100% to others both in class and on the playground. **Luke T (Mex)** for perseverance and resilience, you always give so much energy and enthusiasm to your learning and this has been noted by many staff. **Amelia EW (Mex)** for humility as you would do anything for anyone and always speak so positively about others.

Chartwells audit – Well done to Chartwells who were audited this week and received great results. They have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to provide hot meals to the children and we are so grateful to Stef, Amy and Hayley for their commitment to the children and the school.

Anti-social behaviour – It has been brought to our attention that there is some antisocial behaviour in the village especially around the station and the park. Please ensure that your children are not left unsupervised in these areas. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Big book giveaway – Thank you to the Lions who brought in lots of books to encourage children to read. Children were allowed to choose a book of their choice to keep. It is always lovely to see children reading and talking about the book they chose and why they chose it.



Anti-Bullying Week - Next week is Anti-Bullying week and in support of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, we are holding an '**Odd Sock Day**' on **Wednesday 18th November 2020**. It is an opportunity to have fun and to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us unique!

Children are to come to school in school uniform but can wear colourful odd socks in support that everyone is different.

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school it could not be simpler!



Donations of a £1.00 will go towards the fight against bullying (Anti-Bullying Alliance).

Masks – Just a reminder – **Please wear a mask at the beginning and the end of the day to collect the children.** If you are exempt then please wear your sunflower lanyard. We just need to keep each other safe at this difficult time.



Anti-Social behaviour – It has been brought to our attention that some of the older pupils have been seen in pocket park and playing down by the railway line. I do not need to tell parents how dangerous this is. Children should not be out because of lockdown but when we are out of lockdown please make sure you know where your children are and whom they are out with. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Evacuee day – Year 6 will be having an Evacuee day on **Wednesday 2nd December**. This is a great way to enhance the children's learning and really think about what life would have been like as an evacuee during the World Wars. They will need to come dressed as an evacuee on this day. Any problems with outfits then do email the class email address.

PTA – The PTA are going to have a Pop up Shop on Friday 20th November at 3.30pm and will be selling cones of sweets. Please support the PTA at this challenging time!



Window to the classroom



