



## HEAD'S BLOG...



The school has been awash with poppies and acts of remembrance this week. As usual, the whole school fell silent at 11am on 11/11 to respect and remember those who gave up so much for us to live in peace. The children showed the utmost respect during this time and also developed their understanding of this important day with a raft of activities



from poetry to art, from information writing to an online Q&A session with a WW1 soldier.

Thank you for your support of our revised procedures. We really do appreciate you supporting us to keep the risk of coronavirus transmission low, and our staff and pupils safe, by wearing masks on and around the school site. You may be wondering why staff aren't wearing them on the gates. The reason is that we are welcoming children in and often needing to support children who are reluctant. The wearing of masks is a barrier when they need to see staff faces. In addition, staff are always very mindful about keeping 2m distance from each other, parents and visitors. Our risk assessment is under constant review so if we deem this either to be insufficient or unnecessary, we will review and inform you all.

I'm hoping you will be booking your child's Christmas dinner soon—this is always one of the highlights of the year and we will make sure we make things as festive as possible. A Christmas treat has also been arranged by BB Friends and we are busy creating something to share with you! Keep an eye on the diary dates section for more details of all things Christmassy!

Debbie Carmichael

### Online safety update—What is cyberbullying?: Supporting your child with a negative experience online.

With Anti-bullying week around the corner, we thought an online safety focus on online bullying would be appropriate. We want all children to have a safe and positive experience when they go online, but sometimes a child might be sent an image, video or message without their consent that upsets or confuses them. It can be hard to know what to say or do in these types of situations and that's completely normal. See further information later in this newsletter.

**Coronavirus reminders** If your child develop any symptoms of Coronavirus (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste / smell), s/he MUST NOT come to school and school must be informed. Call 119 or get a test online at:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).

A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you believe that your child is well enough to attend school and they have only symptoms of a 'common cold' such as: runny nose, sore throat or a mild cough they are permitted to attend.

The new NHS COVID-19 app, now available to download for free in England and Wales, is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from coronavirus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones and community. The app has a number of tools to protect you, including contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. It uses proven technology from Apple and Google, designed to protect every user's privacy. You can download the app from:

<https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/>

**NB: All absences must be reported to our school office by calling 01726 64322. You can leave a message if outside of office hours. Please DO NOT report absences via Class Dojo. Thank you.**



# Achievers this week



Each week we will be awarding children who have gone the extra mile with the following:

- **Achiever Certificate** - for showing awesome learning behaviours
- **Christian Value Certificate**—for showing how we can demonstrate our Christian Values.

## Doves

Bentley

For fabulous home learning.

## Fish

Alex

For an improved work ethic and trying hard.

## Lambs

Eddie

For brilliant writing about Remembrance day.

## Pelicans

Ella

For being a math-magician.

## Peacocks

Lilly

For hard work, especially in maths.

## Phoenix

Cathryn

For making great contributions in class.

## Angels

Ethan

For persevering in and becoming confident in maths.

## Faith

Merryn

For an amazing setting description.

## Hope

Ryan

For using resources independently to support his learning.

These children have been awarded with a certificate for showing our Christian value of respect:

Doves - Connor

Pelicans - Bow

Angels - Kaleb

Fish - Teddy

Peacocks - Connor

Faith - Ellie

Lambs - Beth

Phoenix - Elizah

Hope - Talon

## CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you all for getting involved! Your support helps change the lives of children across the UK.

We raised the amazing total of £297.50!!



A special mention and huge thanks to the Leney family for their very generous donation.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

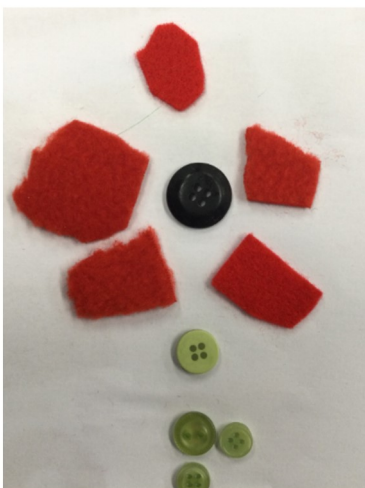
Remembrance Day has been celebrated across the school this week. In Key Stage One, we explored the significance of the poppy and why we remember soldiers on the 11th November through continuous provision.



We recreated some paintings of the poppy fields inspired by the poem 'In Flanders Fields'



Creating poppies using a range of materials and tools.



Loose parts were used to explore how to create poppies using a range of techniques.

Some children chose to represent something which reminded them of the 11th November using playdough to sculpt.



We thought carefully about the bravery and courage of the soldiers and recreated representations of photographs we studied in books.



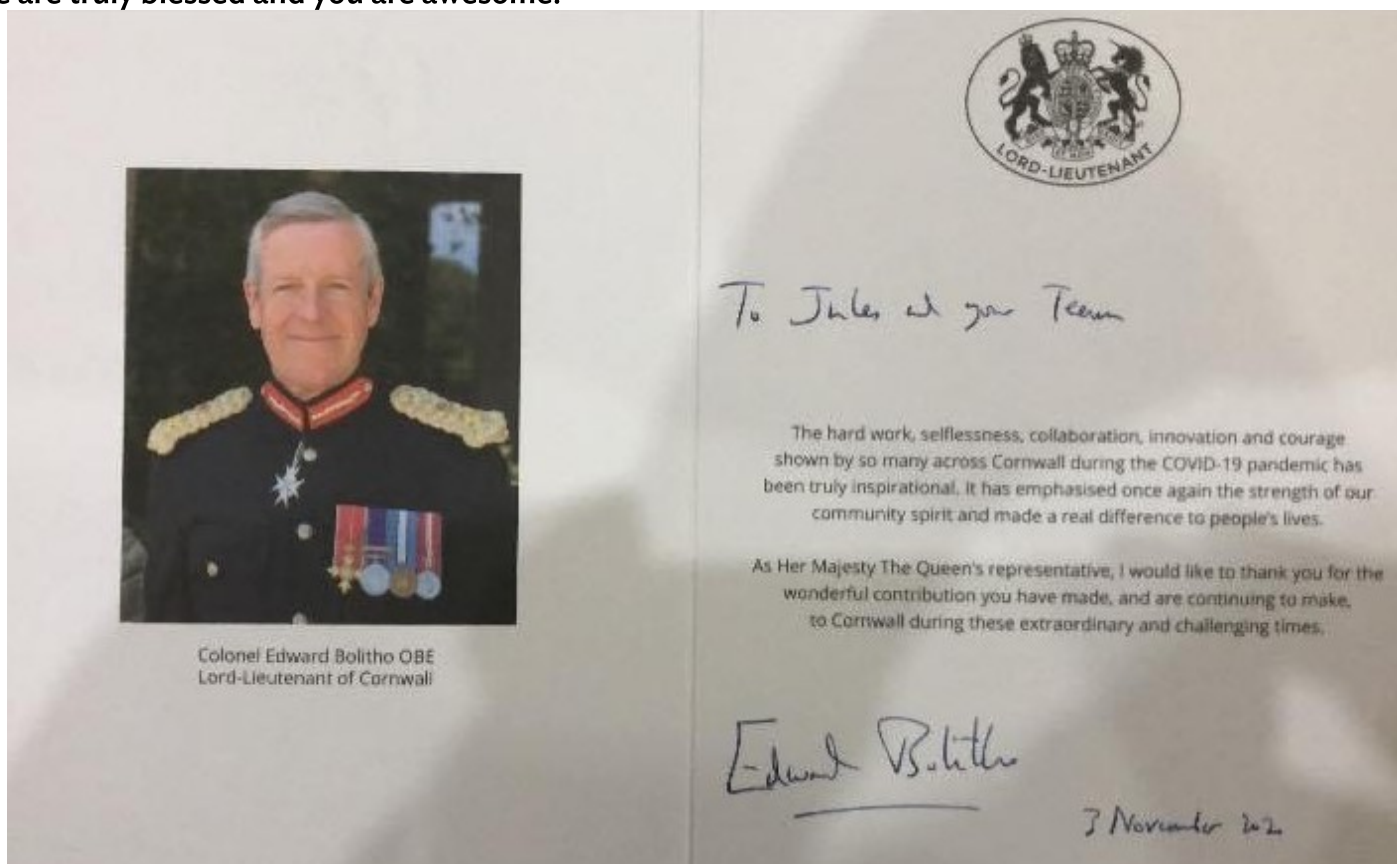
# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## 2020/21 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Thurs 18th November—Nasal Flu Vaccinations  
Fri 27th November—Inset day  
Mon 21st December-Fri 1st January—Christmas holidays  
Mon 4th January 2021—Back to school  
Mon 15th February 2021-Fri 19th February 2021—Half term  
Fri 2nd Apr 2021-Fri 16th April 2021—Easter holidays  
Mon 3rd May 2021—Bank Holiday  
Mon 31st May 2021-Fri 4th June 2021—Half term  
Fri 23rd July 2021—Last day of term

**Polite reminder:** Please drop your child off and pick them up at their class allocated times only. The only exceptions are if there are siblings with different start and finish times. Teachers are generously supervising children outside of their usual teaching hours in the current situation (as well as having reduced lunchtimes) and we ask that this is not abused. Thank you.

**Massive congratulations** to Rev Jules, Emma and all at St Luke's Church for receiving a letter of thanks for all that they have done to support our local community in recent months. This is thoroughly deserved and we are really grateful for all they do to help the most vulnerable families. We are truly blessed and you are awesome!



**Reminder:** you can still arrange a telephone appointment to discuss your child's Autumn summary report if needed. Please call 01726 64322 to arrange a time or contact your child's teacher via Class Dojo!

## OTHER NOTICES

### School Admissions

The online application process for Starting School, Transfer to Junior School and Transfer to Secondary School for September 2020 has now started. Detailed information about the admissions process is available online or on request from the School Admissions Team.

Please ensure you name **more than one preference**. It will not mean less chance of securing place at your preferred school. Please note that if you do not apply on time, your preferred school's may already be full.

If you need support with your application process, please contact the office, the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE IS SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU APPLY IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO**



Dear Parents/Carers,

**WOOHOO... MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!**

**WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?**  
Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (Cbeebies/Cbebe) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, **The Kids Are United!**

**WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?**  
The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.

**WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?** It's so easy ☺ Here's what you do:

1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school
2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work
3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #oddssocksday #antibullyingweek and tag @andyoddssocks and @abaonline

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**  
Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 16th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:

**Anti-Bullying Alliance** **UNITED AGAINST BULLYING** **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

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We will be taking part in anti-bullying week this year and the theme is United against bullying.

The whole school will be focusing on this next week. We will be having an odd socks day to promote this on Monday 16th November. We encourage everyone to wear odd socks. It's a chance for the children to celebrate

Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes.

**All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it couldn't be simpler!**



It is more important than ever to vaccinate your child against the flu this year.

**FINAL CALL FOR CONSENT—which needs to be submitted by Monday 16th November. The vaccinations are taking place in school on Wednesday 18th November.**

Please contact the school office if you did not receive the information letter and consent instructions.

## OTHER NOTICES



Please return your Christmas lunch forms by  
Tuesday 17th November and don't forget to order on  
ParentPay in the usual way.  
(menu will be updated at a later date!)





## What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying happens online and can take place any time or anywhere. And because kids spend so much time on their different devices, if it's happening to them, it's really hard to escape it.

Cyberbullying can happen in different ways but some examples might be:

- Sending unkind messages or comments.
- Sharing images or videos of someone without their permission.
- Excluding someone from a group chat or other online activity like gaming.
- Pressuring another person to say or do something that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Setting up groups or accounts to encourage others to be mean to someone else.

Some types of cyberbullying are more subtle and make it harder for parents, teachers and other adults to know when something might be upsetting a child. For example:

- Liking images or videos on another person's account to irritate or upset them.
- Liking or re-sharing images that someone finds embarrassing.
- Continuously sending another person emojis or messages even though they've asked you to stop.

### **How Parents Can Deal with Cyberbullying**

1. Keep the computer in a common area of the home. Do not allow it in your children's bedrooms. Monitor their online usage.
2. Learn how various social networking apps and sites work. Become familiar with Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram etc. Ask your children if they will show you their profile pages.
3. Talk regularly and specifically with your children about online issues. Let them know they can come to you for help if anything is inappropriate, upsetting, or dangerous.
4. Build trust with your children. Set time limits, explain your reasons for them, and discuss rules for online safety and Internet use. Ask your children to contribute to establishing the rules; then they'll be more inclined to follow them.
5. Tell your children not to respond to any cyberbullying threats or comments online. However, do not delete any of the messages. Instead, print out or screenshot all the messages, including the email addresses or social media handles of the cyberbully. You will need the messages to verify and prove there is cyberbullying.
6. Don't overreact by blaming your children. If they are being bullied, be supportive and understanding. Find out how long the bullying has been going on and ensure that you'll work together to find a solution. Let your children know they are not to blame for being bullied.
7. Don't underreact by telling your children to "shrug it off" or just deal with the bullying. The emotional pain of being bullied is very real and can have long-lasting effects. Don't tease them about it or respond with a "kids will be kids" attitude.
8. Don't threaten to take away your children's phone or computer if they come to you with a problem. This only forces kids to be more secretive.
9. Talk to your school so they can keep an eye out for bullying during the school day.
10. If there are threats of physical violence or the bullying continues to escalate, report to CEOP—Child Exploitation and Online Protection at [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

Further information can be found at: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/>



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