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Headteacher's news:

There was a slightly subdued atmosphere on Monday before school as we returned to a half term that is typically full of celebration and excitement. This was exacerbated by the class bubble closures, some staff absences as well as the impending national lockdown. However, once the children arrived and the staff got down to doing what they do best, the school soon returned to its vibrant self.

Our three new members of staff - previewed in the last newsletter - made a very positive start and next week we are excited to be able to welcome Miss Greenwood to the administration team. Increased capacity in the office is going to be significant for the school and this recruitment will allow Mrs Firth and Mrs Fearon to take on a more senior administrative role.

We have set up a new blog on each of the class website pages from Y1-Y6 (see details below) and hope that this information is useful to you as parents and carers. I expect these blogs to develop over the coming weeks as the teachers become more adventurous with their postings.

And finally: 'remember, remember the 5th of November...' We will all probably remember this date in 2020 for different reasons but I hope that you managed to have your own celebrations last night and that you have a relaxing weekend.





Y6 Maple enjoying our new trim trail on Wednesday

This week in our teacher meeting, we worked on the blogging feature on the website. Each week, the teachers will add a new weekly update about what has been happening in their class. You can then click on the class links below to see what the children have been learning about. Whilst a 'blog' usually has a comments section - for children and parents to add messages relevant to the posting - we have turned this feature off for now and are going to use it to keep you up to date with the most recent teaching and learning developments in the class. Y3/4 Cedar and Y4 Beech will be added next week. We hope you find it useful.

Nursery Reception Y1 Pear Y1/2 Lime Y2 Cherry

Y3 Willow Y5 Oak Y5/6 Ash Y6 Maple

In Assembly ... we talked about remembering and Remembrance Sunday (8 November) as well as Remembrance Day next week.

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COVID19 website page: We have set up a new page on the website to signpost you to important information and documents. Please click on this link to read the most recent additions related to:

- COVID-19 absence guide for parents
- Clinically extremely vulnerable pupils
- COVID test guidance for parents

Photographs: I apologise for the very short notice about the individual photographs which took place yesterday. Hopefully, you all received a text the night before. For the children who were not in school, the photographer will be returning on 25 November. Only individual photographs were taken on this occasion due to the organisational challenges that we face when moving pupils around school. The proofs will be sent home early next week.

Poppy Appeal will continue Monday to Wednesday next week. We suggest a minimum donation of 20p.

There are also some stationery items available for donations between 50p and £1.00.

Remote Learning Survey - reminder:

Thank you to the 126 families who have already completed this short survey. If you still need to provide us with information about the digital devices you have at home, then please click on the link above.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Teacher Training Days:

Friday 20 November - school will be closed to all children.

Monday 4 January 2021– school will be closed on the first day after the Christmas holiday period for staff development.

Monday 26 July 2021 Tuesday 27 July 2021