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Armistice Day – We Remember

The Poppy by Anjali (Year 6)

A poppy sways where the war took place,
Anxiety written all over its face,
Bullets soared from here to there,
While a pungent stench filled the air.

The soldiers fought night and day,
Always aware of what's coming their way,
Trenches concealed those that fight,
Being vanquished was their biggest fright,

At times they were promised tranquillity and peace,
But only once the war had ceased,
They remained in trenches, never no-man's land,
A bullet-stocked gun held firm in hand,

While birds flew above, soldiers hid below,
A gentle breeze coming on slow,
The nearby trees lay lifeless and still,
Lowering soldiers' resilience and will.

Cowards and comrades took their turn,
To find others dead amongst fires that burn,
At last their war did meet its end,
But all that remained were dead enemies and friends.

Now we remember those soldiers with pride,
An abundance of appreciation to those who died,
World Wars add to history's glory,
While storing in the poppy, a world of a story.



The Great British Run 2020!

We are excited to announce the date for our *Great British Run* in support of Jordan Wylie's *Great British Paddle Board*. This will take place on **Friday 27th November**. On this day, all children may wear jogging bottoms and trainers into school. Each class will have a slot during the day to run as many laps of the school field as possible (400m per lap). Children will collect sponsorship in aid of Frontline Children (sponsorship form sent home separately). We ask for sponsorship money to be collected and brought back to school by **Friday 11th December**. A small prize is on offer for anyone who collects over £10! Please stay safe when asking people for sponsorship and do not allow children to ask strangers to sponsor them.

Reading Challenge

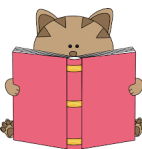
Next week is the start of our whole-school reading challenge. The challenge is for children to read with their parents as many times as possible over the next 4 weeks from 16th November to 11th December. Each Friday when the children bring their Reading Records into school, we will record the number of times they have read at home. At the end of the challenge, we will give certificates for the following:

14 home reads = Bronze

17 home reads = Silver

20 home reads = Gold

Make sure you get reading and good luck with the challenge!



BC and ACS Closure

We are sorry to announce that unfortunately our Breakfast and After School Clubs are temporarily closing until further notice. Financially, these are not possible to run at present and we apologise for the inconvenience.

Masks

Please remember that all Key Stage 2 children (Years 3-6) must wear a mask to school. The only exceptions are children with a specific need and the class teacher must be informed about this separately. We would also like to remind all parents that masks need to be worn when collecting and dropping off children.

Anti-Bullying Week

From 16th November, we will be taking part in anti-bullying week. The children will be doing assemblies and workshops all about staying safe, friendships and understanding the difference between bullying and falling-out with a friend.

Wet/Cold Weather

A reminder that children need jumpers and coats in school every day. A reminder that on PE days, the school jumper must be worn on top of PE kits.

Flu Vaccination

This year's flu vaccination for Rec to year 6 will be on November the 23rd. If you have not already done so, please register your child using the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/wilts>

Reception 2021 Visits

We are holding our Reception visits for 2021. These will be held on Tuesday 16th November, 8th December and Monday 4th January. Parents will need to book via the school office.

A reminder PE and Forest School Days for this term:

	PE	Forest Schools
Monday	Y2 Kingfishers Y2 Woodpeckers	
Tuesday	YR Wrens YR Robins	YR Wrens YR Robins
Wednesday	Y5 Sparrowhawks Y5 Peregrines Y6 Tawny Owls Y6 Snowy Owls	Y6 Tawny Owls Y6 Snowy Owls
Thursday	Y4 Ospreys Y4 Kestrels Y1 Skylarks Y1 Nightingales	Y2 Kingfishers Y2 Woodpeckers
Friday	Y3 Merlins Y3 Eagles	Y4 Ospreys Y4 Kestrels

Supervision of children before and after school

Please can I ask that all children are properly supervised before and after school. There have been a couple of complaints this week of pupils throwing apples into neighbours' gardens. If these children walk to or from school without an adult, parents will be asked to accompany them in future.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th November: Rec 2021 Visit

Monday 23rd November: Rec to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations

Friday 27th November: Great British Run (All children can wear jogging bottoms)

Tuesday 8th December: Rec 2021 Visit

Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas, 1PM finish

Monday 4th January: Teacher Training Day

Monday 4th January: Rec 2021 Visit

Tuesday 5th January: First day back for children

Guidance on Symptoms

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

Symptoms are:

High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 14 days from **the date of the positive test and school must be notified.**

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.