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Remembrance Service

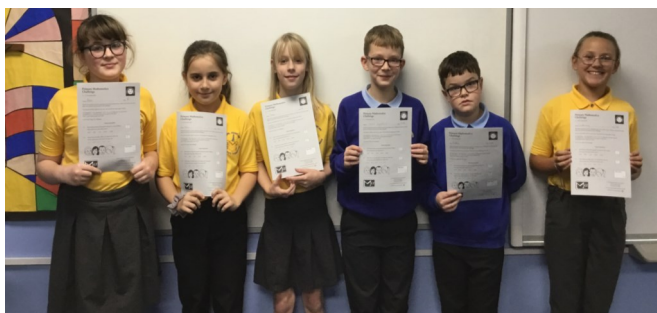
Our pupil chaplains led a beautiful remembrance service on Monday for the whole school, sharing a message of peace and respect for all. They reminded us of the message that St. Francis gave us, to not just speak about peace but to have it even more fully in our hearts. They led us reverently in prayer and thanksgiving for the many soldiers who offered their lives for our freedom today. A beautiful video that many of you may have seen opened the gathering and can be viewed at the following address:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA

Primary Maths Challenge

This week, some children from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. The Primary Maths Challenge is designed to develop reasoning skills through problem solving questions that require both mathematical knowledge and logic. All the children demonstrated excellent problem-solving skills to answer some very challenging questions.



Attendance Target 97.0%

Beech	96.7%	Elm	99.7%	Oak	100%
Cedar	95.0%	Larch	96.8%	Acorns	91.4%

Whole School Attendance this week 97.1%

Whole School Attendance this term 97.7%

Inter Faith Week

This week, the Pupil Chaplains led an assembly on Inter Faith week (10th to 17th November). The week is an opportunity to grow in understanding of one another and to build positive relationships. The children spoke powerfully about how it is important we live the message of Inter Faith week out on a daily basis to ensure that a spirit of welcome, acceptance and belonging can flourish in our school. The week also fits in with the Pope's prayer intentions this month, which is to pray for an increase in dialogue and reconciliation in the Near East where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



Reverse Advent Calendar
led by the Mini Vinnies.



"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving"
Acts 20:35

Through our Reverse Advent calendar, we are collecting items for our local foodbank. Foodbanks can typically see a significant increase in referrals for emergency food parcels in the two weeks before Christmas. There is a concern food banks will not be able to meet this soaring need.

Mon 2 nd Dec	Christmas Pudding Year 6	Mon 9 th Dec	Tinned / Packet of Soup Year 1	Mon 16 th Dec	Tinned Potatoes Year 4
Tues 3 rd Dec	Chocolates Year 5	Tues 10 th Dec	Tinned Soups Rec & Nur	Tues 17 th Dec	Coffee Year 3
Wed 4 th Dec	Jellies / Angel Delight Year 4	Wed 11 th Dec	Tinned Meats Year 6	Wed 18 th Dec	Tinned Fish Year 2
Thurs 5 th Dec	Biscuits Year 3	Thurs 12 th Dec	Tinned Deserts Staff	Thurs 19 th Dec	Toothbrush/ Toothpaste Rec and Nur
Fri 6 th Dec	Tinned Meat Meals Year 2	Fri 13 th Dec	Mince Pies Year 5	Fri 20 th Dec	Toiletries Staff

These are only suggestions - anything that will make Christmas a little more joyous for those who are vulnerable will be gratefully received.



Acorns Nihaal - High level of interest in number work
Beech Zayne - Persevering and always working hard
Cedar Rosie - Persevering and producing good work
Elm Nancy - Always trying to improve
Larch Benny - His beautiful topic work
Oak Florence - Her RE work



Acorns Colby-Jay - Always has a high level of enthusiasm
Beech Tobiasz - Contribution in lessons and giving 100%
Cedar Rayhaan - Setting a good example to others
Elm Madeleine - Extending herself in Maths
Larch Erin - Putting in the extra work
Oak All 6 who completed the Primary Maths Challenge

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th to Fri 22 Nov
 Early Years World Nursery Rhyme Week
 Thursday 21st Nov @ 1 to 3pm
 Year 4 - Tod Sports Centre
 Friday 22nd Nov @ 3 to 4pm
 5 a side friendly football match
 Tod Sports Centre
 Wednesday 27th November
 Red Wednesday Mass / Service
 Thursday 28th Nov @ 9am
 Oak Class Liturgy for Parents
 Thursday 28th Nov @ 1pm
 Y2 Heptathlon - Tod Sports Centre
 Monday 2nd Dec
 Reverse Advents Calendar starts
 Thursday 5th Dec @ 1pm to 2:30pm
 Dementia Friendly Carol Service
 St Mary's Church
 Monday 9th Dec
 School Play Dress Rehearsal
 Tuesday 10th Dec PM
 School Play
 Wednesday 11th December AM
 School Play
 Thursday 12th December
 School Closed due to General Election
 Friday 13th Dec
 Christmas Jumper Day
 Friday 13th Dec @ 3.25pm to 4.05pm
 Choir singing in Tod Market
 Tuesday 17th Dec
 Christmas Panto Victoria Theatre
 Beauty & The Beast
 Friday 20th December @ 3:30pm
 School Closes for Christmas Holidays



8th December
11am to 1pm

Christmas Fair - books of 5 raffle tickets are being sent home tonight. Please can you ask children to sell the tickets (£1 each) and return the stubbs and the £5 to school before the draw on 8th December. A raffle ticket will also count as your entry to the Fair so please bring it with you on the day!

Non Uniform Days: Friday 22nd November in exchange for chocolate please

Friday 29th November in exchange for chocolate or bottles of any kind please (if bottles are containing alcohol please could the adults hand these in at the main office).



General Election 12th December



As you are aware, there is a General Election on Thursday 12th December and as school is used as a polling station we will need to close to children for safeguarding reasons on this day.

Sacramental Programme

The initial meeting for the children wishing to be part of the Sacramental Programme and make their First Holy Communion in May next year took place last night but it is not too late if you still wish your child to be involved in this wonderful celebration. The first session for preparation is on November 28th from 6:30pm.



We raised
 £147.42 in
 total...

Wow, this is
 fantastic,
 thank you to
 all who
 donated

Thank you
 so much for your
 kind donations

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BOX
APPEAL