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NEWSLETTER - 15 NOVEMBER 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to term 2 and what is proving to be another busy, enjoyable month. The children have shown such compassion and thoughtfulness in their awareness about Armistice Day and shared their participation in Remembrance Sunday events. Last term our children made clay poppies that have been on display at St. John's Church in Chipping Sodbury as part of a local project. They will still be able to be viewed until 17th November, however some have not survived the heavy rain recently but this has proved invocative in itself. Across the school children have also written poems and reflected on the end of World War 1. See over for poems written by some of our pupils.

The end of last term concluded with a fabulous Harvest Church Service. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in our thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest. Our children were wonderful, speaking up so clearly and showing such awareness of where our food comes from and our responsibility to care for others.

The start of this term marked a change in the entry to school in the mornings. Thank you for your support with this. We have been incredibly impressed with how quickly our children have adapted to leaving their bags outside first thing and everyone has been coming in and settling well. Please remember that all teachers are out in the playground in the morning if you have anything you want to pass on or just have

a chat or catch-up! By being outside teachers are there for you and as ever, our wonderful Mrs Leahey is in the office for you to pop in with dinner money, messages or queries - just head over via the white door.

Homework

In order that children have somewhere to record their homework we have provided Y1-Y6 large blue books. Hopefully this will make life easier at home to find the work and save hunting around for pieces of paper! Homework focus has stayed the same, concentrating on basic number fluency (eg getting really quick at knowing all the number bonds to 10, 20, and multiplication facts by the end of year 4 and beyond); reading regularly at home and learning key spellings. Topic homework is also continuing as usual but the point of this is to widen children's knowledge and understanding and this does not necessarily need to be recorded by writing or on a narrow area of learning. As a result of this, teachers are providing more flexibility in how and what is researched. The maths online homework has had problems in the past so we are currently sending home maths activities or challenges that cover the key skills instead. As mentioned at parents evening, occasionally staff will provide additional practice if a child would benefit from it. You, as parents and guardians, have the largest impact on your child's learning and we will continue to work in partnership to support you and nurture your child's development. If your child is struggling at any point please come in and speak to your class teacher and we can help.

Congratulations to Lucy L who was Star of the Week for her fabulous writing.

Well done Reception children too who have been putting up their wanted posters around the school in their hunt for Sunny the meerkat who has gone missing! Meanwhile Isabella and the rest of the Swallows class have been impressing us with their Egyptian knowledge

and Emma S shone in the drama activity with great facial expressions! In Owls class, Luan has delighted us with his reading. So many children to celebrate!



Across the school the children have been writing Remembrance poems:

On the barren wasteland,
The scarlet monster stained the earth
As the gunshots blurred the sky.
Horses crashed to the ground
As their riders scattered to safety.
Shells burst open
Leaving brave soldiers lives empty.
When the yellow letter came home
Families hearts broke in two.
But not all the families were sad,
As the door opened and their loved
ones came home
Their frowns turned upside down.
Everyone cried with joy
As their families were united.

by Millie C

Remembrance
Eyes awaken,
Bombs are given,
The world is darkness.
Shots are taken.
The sky is breaking,
Bang! Bang! This is war!
I am limping,
You are blinking,
My brothers are dying
I am crying,
This is war!
Now it's ended,
Poppies are given to remember
Those who died.
Please don't cry.

By Jasmine K

Poppies are a sight to see.
On this day the British Legion sell poppies
Pray for peace in the world.
People pay for poppies.
Years go by and we still remember the
soldiers who died.

By Woody B

Diary Dates

St. John's Church Crib Festival w/c
25th November

PJ Party and Reading Event Thursday
29th November see below.

Christmas Service at St. James the
Elder Tuesday 18th December 6pm

Thursday 13th June 2019 Sports
Day at Village Hall - 1.30 pm.

Thursday 6th June 2019 Year 6 leavers
service at Gloucester Cathedral
children only transport provided

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 dress rehearsal
at the Village Hall 2pm

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 Summer
Production at the Village Hall 5:30pm
for 6pm.

Wednesday 10 July 2019 FOHS -
Cattle Country Y6 Leavers
Party 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.

Friday 19th July 2019 Last day of
school for pupils

Year 6 Leavers' Church Service 19th
July 2pm

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July
2019 INSET DAYS

Remaining diary dates see last back
pages of newsletter

Pyjama Party

**29 November 2018 - 6.00pm—
6:30pm**

This will be a chance for you and your child to come into school for a pyjama party. Children will be dressed in their pyjamas for a bedtime story, cookies and hot chocolate. Parents, you will be able to have wine and mince pies whilst finding out more about how to support your child's learning in English (you don't need to come in your pyjamas!).

Academic Year 2018/2019

Term 2

19.11.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
25.11.18	St John's Church Crib Festival all week
26.11.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
28.11.18	Year 3 and 4 to attend Crib Festival at St John's Church a.m. transport is provided
29.11.18	Pyjama Party and reading event - 6.00 p.m.
03.12.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
10.12.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
17.12.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
18.12.18	St James the Elder Christmas Service - 6.00 p.m.
19.12.18	School Christmas lunch for children
21.12.18	End of term 2

07.01.19

INSET

08.01.19

Start of term 3 for children

14.01.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
21.01.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
29.01.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
04.02.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
11.02.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
15.02.19	End of term 3

25.02.19

Start of term 4

25.02.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
04.03.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
11.03.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
18.03.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
25.03.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
01.04.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
05.04.19	End of term 4

23.04.19

Start of term 5

29.04.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
06.05.19	Bank Holiday
13.05.19	KS2 SAT's week
13.05.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
20.05.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
20.05.19	Life Skills for Year 6 coach booked leave school at 8.30 a.m.
24.05.19	End of term 5

03.06.19

Start of term 6

03.06.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
06.06.19	Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral Children only - transport provided
10.06.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
13.06.19	Sports Day at Village Hall - 1.30 p.m.
17.06.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
24.06.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
01.07.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
02.07.19	Summer Production dress rehearsal - Village Hall 2.00 p.m.
03.07.19	Summer Production at Village Hall 5.30 p.m. for 6.00 p.m. start

08.07.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
10.07.19 FOHS - Cattle Country Year 6 leavers party 4.30 to 6.30 a.m.
15.07.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
19.07.19 TBC Year 6 Leaver's Church Service - 2.00 p.m.
19.07.19 End of Term 6 for children
22.07.19 **INSET DAY**
23.07.19 **INSET DAY**
23.07.19 End of term 6 for staff