

## St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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Dear parent/carer,

We hope that you are safe and well.

Currently, we unfortunately have no school crossing patrol (lollipop lady/man) in the mornings or afternoons. As such, please can you chat with your child about ways to stay nice and safe when crossing roads. Those of you who drive to/from school, please can you be aware that this service is no longer in place, so children will be looking for places to cross. May we also encourage you to park safely and away from the bottom of the drive at the front of school, so the children have a better view when crossing the road. Through this, together we can help our children to stay safe. We are in contact with Staffordshire Council regarding the situation and will keep you updated.

Today, we celebrated the very special event of **Armistice Day**. Each class have had the opportunity to buy poppies and this morning we completed activities remembering the brave men, women and animals who were lost in conflict, and talked about what the day means and why we mark it. Through our online assembly, we shared prayers, read a poem, showed our learning about Armistice Day, and before we observed two minutes of silence, Sofia, Callum and Maggie read out the names of the brave men from Kingsley who fell in World War I. Despite these unusual times, it is important that as a school, community, Parish and nation, we always remember the fallen, and also see that we can (and will) come through times of adversity. Although two important parts of our school year cannot take place this year - visiting the cenotaph, and welcoming Mr Lucas on behalf of the Royal British Legion - we marked the occasion in a different way. It is also lovely to see so many poppies and remembrance images at one of our community pubs, the Blacksmith's Arms.

letter from the School Council about a series

You will have received a letter from the School Council about a series of events next week for national 'Anti-bullying week' and our celebration of **'odd socks day'**. Children are very welcome to wear odd socks, or perhaps some colourful tights, on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, as we talk about how it is OK to be different. There is no need to send in any donations, we just want to think about – and celebrate - our little differences, the things that make us 'us'. Our Relationships and Health Education lessons will also focus on this and how we can show that we care, are kind and follow the third part of our school motto …love one another.

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On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, fluenz immunisations** will be taking place in school. These are delivered by trained staff on behalf of the NHS and are taken by the children using a nasal spray. If you wish for your child to receive this immunisation, please ensure that you have completed the online permission forms to which Mrs Burton has emailed a link. Please contact the office if you wish this to be re-sent. It is important to note that school cannot receive consent for this to take place, it must be done online no later than Thursday 12<sup>th.</sup> School cannot access the names of those for whom consent has and has not been given, this information is held with the nursing teams delivering the immunisations.

Next **Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup> November), Academy Photography** will be joining us to take individual photographs of the children. As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, due to Covid-19 control measures, brothers or sisters who do not attend our lovely school will, sadly, be unable to join us for photographs this year and we thank you for your understanding of the reasons why. Children will have an individual photograph and we will also take photographs of any siblings (brothers and sisters) together. Again, due to our control measures, photographs of wider family member groups cannot take place, as we can only take joint photographs of children who live in the same household.

Finally, **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> also marks 'Children in Need'** and as such, children are invited to come into school in appropriate non-uniform. To raise funds, if you wish to/are able to send in a donation, please feel free to do so. However, as we appreciate that times are unusual for many families and we have also raised funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, if a donation may not be possible, please don't worry, and still send in your child in non-uniform.

Please stay safe,

The St. Werburgh's team

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