



"We Enjoy and Excel In the Presence of God"

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# Newsletter 5 - 10th November 2017

Dear Parents



## Effectiveness of Leadership

### Crossing Patrol—Update

Councillor Mans, Councillor Harris (Governor), John Lawton (Chair of Governors), and I met on site over the half term break to review the condition of the crossing outside school and discussed possible strategies for maintaining the safety of our children. Cllr. Mans is in support and will be in contact with both the Council and ourselves to look towards an improved service.

In the meantime may I say thank you to those wearing the hi-viz jackets, who are waiting near the crossing and supporting others and modelling to the children how to look and cross safely. This reinforces best practice.

During worship today the whole school marked their respects by holding a minute's silence for Armistice Day. I am very proud of all the children in the manner in which they conducted themselves during this time.



## Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

### French twinning visit June 2018

I am delighted to say that we have a number of Year 5/6 children who are joining us for a visit to Pont St Martin in June 2018. The coach and ferry have been booked and conversations are already underway with the Head Teacher of St Joseph's school on the itinerary for the week. If any other Year 5 or Year 6 children would like to join the group, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### Year 6—Remembrance

The children have also written poems in class empathising with soldiers from the battle fields in the World Wars and the reasons poppies mark Remembrance Day. **Please read three poems that we have included on page 3 of this newsletter.** The children have been very expressive in their creative writing. Well done.



## Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

### 'Be bright and be seen'

The PTA kindly donated hi-viz jackets to every child in the school. A real commitment to ensuring that our children are seen. We have a large number of children who are wearing their hi-viz jackets—it would be wonderful to see more though.

Occasionally class topics will be enhanced by a walk in the village or close proximity to school. We already have your permission to take children out of school through the signed Random Locality Visit forms and to ensure safety it would be great if each child had their own hi-viz jackets in school to wear.



### Parking

Please take care when parking near the school at drop off and collection, we have recently had a couple of complaints where driveways have been blocked. Please be aware of our neighbours.



## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

### Shoebbox appeal

We sent 51 filled Christmas shoebboxes this year to the Rotary for the Honeypot appeal. Down on our usual 70 plus but a great support for those in need. Thank you to all who donated, the gifts will definitely put smiles on vulnerable children's faces this Christmas.

Yours sincerely

*John Littlewood*

Head Teacher

### Children In Need

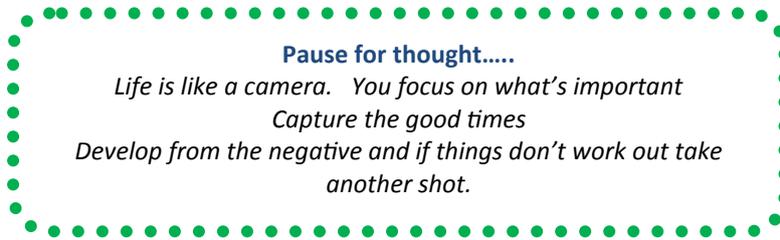
Friday

17th November

Please bring £1.00 and wear something spotty or home clothes.

30p cakes will be on sale during afternoon play made by Y6.

Money in a named envelope, please.



**Vision**

**At Brockenhurst CE Primary School our vision is to inspire, sustain and develop high quality teaching and learning; with excellent behaviours and safety for all, founded on Christian values.**

**Dates for your diary:**

**PLEASE NOTE DATES AND TIMES OF EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**For the 2017-2018 school terms and inset days please check our school website :**

[www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=44](http://www.brockenhurstceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=44)

**Monday 23rd to 27th October—Half term  
 Monday 30th October INSET Day—No children in school**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13th	14th	15th YR, 1, 2, 3, 4 Flu Jabs	16th	17th Children in Need
20th <b>Road Safety Week</b>	21st	22nd	23rd	24th
27th	28th	29th	30th	December 1st 11.00am Little Flames
4th	5th	6th	7th	8th Y6 Visit Forest Oaks 2.00pm
11th KS1 Nativity rehearsal	12th 1.30pm Nativity Performance	13th 9.00am Brass Assembly  6.00pm Nativity Performance	14th 9.00am Piano Assembly	15th
18th Vocal Group Assembly 1.15pm	19th Christmas Lunch	20th 1.30pm KS2 Carols round the Tree	21st INSET—No children in school	22nd Holiday



**INSET Day Thursday 21st December  
 Christmas Holiday Friday 22nd December and returning to school on Thursday 4th January 2018**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 1st Holiday	2nd Holiday	3rd Holiday	4th Back to school	5th
8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
15th	16th	17th	18th	19th Y3 Swimming starts
22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th Y3 Swimming
29th	30th	31st	<b>February 1st</b>	2nd Y3 Swimming
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th Y3 Swimming

**Half Term Holiday  
 Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2018  
 Children return to school on Monday 19th February**

A selection of  
Remembrance  
poems from  
Year 6



## War Scar

### War has started-

I sit in my shelter.  
A bullet grazes my shoulder  
Do I care?  
The smell of gunpowder fills my nostrils  
The screams and commands fill the air  
I see my friend fall, one of many  
I feel death - that is what I have to feel.  
I touch my trigger, but I will not fire.  
I sweat in my uniform  
A rat runs to me  
And my gun touches mud.  
A bang breaks my shelter  
It must happen  
If I'm found I will die  
It's worth the risk  
Anything to escape  
I bring my gun up next to my knee  
My finger shaky on the trigger.  
I pull the trigger  
A bang, then all black!

I stand in the field - the touch of poppies at my fingers  
Other than the scar on my knee, war is over.  
The taste of poppy seeds on my tongue.  
Birds fly round the new trees  
A stream runs where my friend fell  
A cricket calls

War is over

Nye

### Everyone dies

I become tired as I drag my feet through the trench. I start to breathe heavily as I hold a gun to a man's head. I become petrified. I shoot. The smell of gun powder fills my lungs, the horrific feeling of dark, thick blood dripping from my hands. The flesh of my good friends are scattered around. I feel something on the back of my head, I fall to the ground. All I see is black, all I hear is ringing in my ears.

Jessica

### ..... Peaceful poppies

All is calm- the bright poppies dancing in the wind, the sun beating down on my face; colours burst from the once dead and lifeless place.

I can smell the fresh air and the gentle breeze, the soft feeling of petals brushing against my arm. All is hopeful. War has created something beautiful.

Jessica

### IN FLANDERS'S FIELDS WHERE THE POPPIES THRIVE

The poppies with their slender petals,  
Bow their heads in respectful silence,  
As the peaceful souls of those who fought for freedom,  
Swim amongst the sea of remembrance.

The blossoms dance in victory,  
Rejoicing with the laughing breeze,  
Which sweeps away the lingering ghost,  
Of the terrible morbid past.

For the ongoing sorrow and darkness of once,  
Is now replaced by hope and light,  
And the sunlight pools like liquid gold,  
In the deep silky curves of the poppy petals.

Amongst the moist green stems which sway,  
Beneath the velvet crimson blossoms,  
Are snowy heads of dandelions,  
Gently bobbing to and fro.

And in the blue sky where the skylarks sing,  
The sun shines joyously,  
For in Flanders's Field where the poppies thrive,  
The war, at last, is over.



By Emily