

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,



## Community

We are enormously proud of all our Year 5 and 6 children who showed just how respectful they are during the Remembrance Ceremony outside the Town Hall on Monday morning. School Councillors placed our gorgeous wreath (made out of your recycled plastic bottle ends) with others from the community.



Once again, I'd like to share with you the many

positive reports of our children's sensible behaviour, especially at such a grown up event. Well done everyone.

Our Year 3 and 4 children also contributed brilliantly through our school assembly where we talked about the poppy, animals in wartime, and our service personnel on active duty in our modern world.



Sharman class were also out this week (whilst Turing were swimming) helping in the community. Together they planted up to 2000 bulbs at Monkey Park. They are sure to be loved by so many people. I've had a report that the children were a credit to the school as they were very well behaved. Well done everyone – showing our school values of respect, responsibility and kindness in this way, out of school, makes us all very proud.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform – in spots if they wish – to join in with Children in Need 2019. Any donations will be collected in the morning and sent to Children in Need. If you are able to bake or provide buns for the afternoon sale, please drop them into the hall in the morning. Please prepare food away from peanuts / peanut products as we do have children in the school with allergies at this time.

## ODD SOCK DAY and Friendship

School Council have done a great job of presenting so many aspects about bullying to the children.

They've explained that if behaviour is repetitive, hurtful, intentional and there is an imbalance of power, they may be experiencing bullying. We've shared how to report this (same trusted person so the frequency can be ascertained) and what the individual and school can do to help. We've

discussed how both the person being bullied and the bully themselves will have needs, and that along with challenging unkind behaviour, we need to work together to resolve the situation.

Our child friendly policy is being circulated by the councillors and may be updated as they see fit. However, I've attached a copy of it for you to refer to at home should you need to.

Online bullying – sometimes called 'Cyber bullying' – is also part of our reminders. I've previously shared with you our 'Smart Rules' to keep safe online. In January, **(Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January)**, expert Traci Good will be in school to meet you as part of her fantastic parent workshops. The time has not yet been agreed but I would encourage as many of you as possible to come. I know as a parent how much screens and the 'online world' generates new conversations for families. Traci will have practical help and ideas that are sure to help us all keep our children safe online.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Apologies again regarding the cross country being cancelled. We take our instruction from the organisers for these events. It is a tricky call. Previously events have been cancelled in advance when they could have gone ahead. This time the decision to postpone was made on the morning which I appreciate is after all your preparation. The race would have gone ahead in light rain but as you know the precipitation really has been a challenge. Thank you for your understanding. We don't have a new date yet but think it may go ahead later in the spring.

## DISCO

Just a reminder that the school disco is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> after school until 5pm. Tickets are available until the disco itself and includes a hot dog. Please ensure your child has a water bottle on the day that he / she can refill. Do send a change of clothes and some pocket money to spend in the shop if you'd like to. Please collect coming in via the main entrance and leaving through the long corridor. The bottom gate is open and do remember we have a track either side of the field.

## Peak Pharmacy Robot Competition

Congratulations to Oliver, Holly, Noah and Florence. They went to our local Peak Pharmacy and cut the ribbon at a local community event on Friday. Oliver's picture robot was the overall winner and they loved all the entries. Well done everyone.



**“STRICTLY BROCKWELL”** From next Monday, children **in all classes** have been invited to audition for 'Strictly Brockwell'. This has in part been inspired by the ballroom dancing that Year 6 have been brilliant at. Any children with 30 seconds of paired dance may audition. The Bronze Young Ambassadors will be judging to select 15 pairs to attend a final. Keep dancing!!!

We also have a second non-uniform day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Thank you in advance for any donations you send that will be used in our Christmas hampers / raffle.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. We really do appreciate it.

Best wishes,

Catherine Holmes

