

St Ethelwold's VA School Newsletter

13th November 2020

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter with a round-up of news and forthcoming events.

Class 1

This week Class 1 have been learning about Remembrance Day. We made and painted poppies as well as completing some memory tasks – our Nursery pupils showed that they have fantastic memories!

Class 2

This week as part of our Healthy, Confident Learners we have tried four different fruits and made bar graphs to show which was most popular. We also spent the afternoon using our physical skills to see how high we could jump and how fast we could run.

Class 3

Class 3 have learned about what Remembrance Day is and how we pay tribute to those who have lost their lives so that we can enjoy freedom today. We learnt about values that are important to us and we have created artwork for a display with a theme of self esteem.

Class 4

The pupils in Class 4 continue their relentless quest to free their world of single use plastic. This week we have submitted all of their evidence to Surfers Against Sewage to become a Plastic Free School and have featured in a video broadcast to schools in the UK. There will be a full story on this project next week



Many thanks for your help in our scaled back Children in Need Day. The children have had a lot of fun and we saw some fabulous outfits. All in all we raised £158.26. Once again thank you for your support.



Special Mentions

Ambitious, Capable Learners

Class 1

Maja Korotko for fantastic poppy artwork.

Jessica Szilagyi for beginning to join in with class activities.

Class 2

Phoebe Roberts for excellent subtraction work.

Dawid Hajdecki for his excellent writing about the job of a firefighter.

Class 3

Morgann Bamrah and Wiktoria Hajdecka for being kind, supportive and helpful with a class member during PE.

Class 4

Kimberley Altmann and Bobby-Lee Brown for outstanding letters to local schools about our Christmas Service

New Normal

There have been many changes in school since the day we closed for lockdown in March but to everyone's credit, we have coped admirably.

Parents' evenings will be completed very soon and they have been a different format to what we are used to. I think that we eventually arrived at a system that was helpful for all but to make sure, we will be ringing a sample of parents next week to get your views of the experience.

This year's Christmas Concert, scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December, will be live streamed from school. There will be songs, hymns and a retelling of the Christmas story. We hope you can join us in this celebration.

Before the end of term we will be embarking on a number of projects including Anti-Bullying Week and a Christmas Craft Week and behind the scenes we are working on our Core Purpose and Vision – look out for a questionnaire to gather your views in the coming weeks.



Birthday Parties



We mentioned last week that there were a great many children whose birthdays had fallen during lockdown and who had not been able to celebrate in the usual way.

We have arranged the following dates so that children can celebrate:

Class 1: Monday 23rd November

Class 2: Tuesday 24th November

Class 3: Wednesday 25th November

Class 4: Thursday 26th November

There will be all the usual party things – games, party clothes, a few treats, a few prizes and a bit of loud music.

Friday Prayer

Loving God
Help us to be generous
Help us to be kind
Help us to be creative
Help us to be loving

So that Children in Need are helped today and every day
Amen