



**Blakesley CE Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children In Need

It was lovely to see the children arrive at school dressed in a colourful array of stripes, spots and sparkles all in aid of Children In Need. Judging by the donations handed in a substantial amount of money will have been raised. Once the collection has been counted the final total will be announced.

Remembrance Day

Although not all the children in the school were able to participate in the actual Remembrance Service, all made a poppy and were able to plant them on the grass outside school.

Class 4 (Y5Y6) led the Service, commemorating the servicemen and women involved in the two World Wars and in more recent conflicts. Poems, prayers and the Exhortation were read loudly and so clearly by the children.

It was most atmospheric when the two-minute silence was observed and a local resident played the Last Post and the Reveille. Apparently the sound of the bugle could be heard all over the village. Even people working on buildings nearby downed tools and paid their respects.

The pupils of Class 4 were proud to have played their part.



Birthday celebrations

Due to the social distancing restrictions and the current 'lock down' in place, we feel very sorry for those children who have been unable to celebrate birthdays as they normally would, such as spending time with their friends, or by inviting their close friends to events and parties.

As Praise assemblies by Zoom are now a regular feature of the school week, birthdays will be celebrated in these gatherings starting next Friday. Any child who has had a birthday prior to this date will get a special mention too.

For those who still like to share gifts with fellow classmates please ensure any gifts are wrapped and come into school early so that they can be quarantined appropriately. I am afraid the sharing of cake is still not possible.

Keeping warm

Following the recent guidance to schools, the importance of providing well ventilated classrooms is paramount. However cold outside, classroom doors and windows need to be kept open. To keep your child warm, base layers may be worn under school uniform or PE kit. When outside at lunchtime or playtime, a warm winter coat is now required.

Social distancing

Everyone still has a responsibility to ensure social distancing rules are observed outside the school gates. Please continue to be considerate and mindful when dropping off and collecting children to and from school. Ensure only one adult per family is accompanying children. Maintain social distancing at all times. Avoid gathering for a chat with groups of friends. Where possible avoid queueing for any length of time by remaining in cars until the last moment.

If an adult or family wishes to wear a face mask as they make their way to or from school that is a personal decision which we will respect, but not enforce.

A Covid Reminder

Please note the main symptoms of coronavirus are a high temperature, a new or continuous cough and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

A period of isolation will be necessary if

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus
- you've tested positive for coronavirus
- you live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- you are told by NHS Test and Trace that you have been in contact with a person with coronavirus

Remember the slogan "Hands. Face. Space" . The importance of regular handwashing cannot be stressed enough.

Future Dates

- School photographs – Monday 23rd November

If there are aspects of the newsletter that you would like to discuss or if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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