



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a quieter week in school following a difficult decision to close our Hedgehog and Squirrel bubble at the beginning of the week. We are missing them very much and are looking forward to having everyone back in school next Wednesday 18th November. The decision to close the bubble was based on government guidance and advice from Public Health England and I hope it did not cause too much inconvenience. The class Dojo pages have proved to be really useful for remote learning and I want to thank everyone for your co-operation in these tricky times.

Owl class have been busy this week with their preparations for their Egyptian exhibition. They are planning what to do and what they will need and I've heard some super conversations about how to make their exhibition amazing. I spent an enjoyable afternoon with them on Tuesday where we were learning about incarnation and drawing our own interpretations of Aritzi's 'Incarnation.'

Fox class showed real maturity and empathy on Wednesday when they created poppies of remembrance for Armistice day. I have also seen some very impressive writing emerging from some amazing future authors.

The whole school took part in a two minute silence at 11 o'clock on the 11th November to remember the service and sacrifice of the past. We also took some time in assembly to consider service and sacrifice which is going on in our community right now. Our value of compassion is extremely important as we recognise the anxiety surrounding the current Coronavirus pandemic. We hope and pray that we can start being more 'normal' by the Spring.

In the meantime, I urge our children and school community to look after each other and show compassion to one another and I am proud to say that I have seen this first hand in our school through the week from staff, children and parents.

### Hidden Hero

Every couple of weeks there is going to be a 'hidden hero' challenge in school. Mrs Grenfell is the mastermind behind this and will be revealing clues to help identify someone heroic. The children are busily guessing in school and we will share the clues on the Dojo School Story page too so parents can have a guess.

### Breakfast Bytes

Would you like the opportunity for your child to come to school early, enjoy a healthy breakfast, get ahead with their Times Tables Rock Stars or try some learning activities on Purple Mash? We're hoping to expand our breakfast club after Christmas. Please click on this link to let us know what interest there would be for this.

[Breakfast Bytes](#)

Today is Children In Need day. We have discussed this in assemblies alongside our value of compassion and children have taken part in Children in Need activities both in class and remotely.

Although we are not able to receive money in school at this time, we would love for you to donate to this worthy cause on behalf of our school at <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



## Thank

Great news!

We have been taking part in an Oxfordshire wide science survey and children have been measuring pollution levels in the air

Value

Our value next week is 'belonging'. This is apt as it is also 'Anti-Bullying Week' and I am looking forward to some children in Year 6 running an assembly with this theme.

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

I am extremely grateful to everyone for remembering to distance on the playground. Thank you. We appreciate that it is difficult to have a private conversation with teachers outside so please continue to communicate non-urgent messages through Dojo and urgent information via the school office. Teachers can call you or arrange a Teams meeting if necessary.

Please do not allow your children to bring in things such as toys or stationery from home. We have everything the children need in school.

In addition to the risk of infection from these items, they may get lost or broken resulting in upset children.

**Do you know someone who is starting school in September?** Parents of children born between 1/9/16 and 31/8/17 can start applying for their school place now. Please encourage them to consider our fabulous school. I am happy to talk to anyone and answer any questions while we cannot show people around. Look out for a slide show coming soon! The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021.

### FLU VACCINATIONS

**These are due to take place in school on 30th November. Please ensure you sign the consent form which has been sent to you via Parentmail.**

### HEADLICE

**Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Thank you!**