



Autumn Term 2018 (2)

Dear Parents

In 1915, *Punch* magazine published a poem by John McCrae titled, "In Flanders Fields." McCrae, a Canadian soldier, had served in the Second Battle of Ypres in Flanders, Belgium. He wrote "In Flanders Fields" after a friend died in battle and was buried with a simple wooden cross as a marker. The poem described similar mass graveyards on the fields of Flanders, fields that were alive with red poppies but now filled with the corpses of dead soldiers.

The poem highlights the irony of [war](#), where a soldier dies so that a nation of people lives. John McCrae's poem made poppies a symbol of the [First World War](#), representing bloodshed. As a mark of [respect](#), people lay wreaths of poppies on the graves of those who died at war. Many people wear red poppies on their lapels as a sign of remembrance. People also observe a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, Remembrance Day. Most places hold a special Remembrance Day service, where hymns and national anthems are played in honour of war heroes. Here is a quote to share in honour of our past fallen soldiers and to take a moment to remember them.

"Our battle-fields, safe in the keeping
Of Nature's kind, fostering care,
Are blooming,—our heroes are sleeping,—
And peace broods perennial there."
John H. Jewett

I would like to thank the pupils of Y4L who made clay poppies to lay around the war memorial in Kinson. Also thank you to Mrs Fisher and her choir who sang so beautifully at the Kinson Remembrance Service on Sunday 11th November. Our pupils have also been remembering our fallen through dance, poetry and through two special liturgies led by Y6 and Y1.

Attendance

We really would appreciate notification of absence before 9am. If the phone cannot be answered, there is an answer machine that we do listen to as soon as possible; also some parents have started emailing the reasons for absences.

Health and Safety

We must remind parents to be vigilant now we are a nut free school, we cannot allow items that state they may have been made in an area that ***could*** have had nuts in. We appreciate that it is extra work to read all labels when shopping, but it is essential. Thank you for your support in this. We are asking for spot checks to be made by the parking authorities as we are receiving complaints about blocked drives and dangerous parking again.

School Meals

Staff have become aware that many children are bringing in both packed lunches and having hot meals leading to a high volume of food wastage. Please, if your child doesn't like a particular hot meal you can cancel that day's choice to lessen the wastage.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> and <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration> are fun places to visit for fresh ideas on making lunch boxes healthier and introducing new ideas.

Cross Country

Event 1 25th September 2018

Jessica
Kelcey
Emily
Jessie

Maisie
Michael
Robbie
Adie

Event 2 16th October 2018

Jessica
Lily
Emily
Maisie
Paulina
Michael
Jimmy

Kelcey
Grace
Jessie
Mia
Lauryn
Adie



"Well done to all of the above children who participated in the two cross country events! You have shown all the values of the 7Cs while representing your school and have made us very proud."

The events took place at Harewood College and Sir David English, the course was 0.92 miles; 0.8 miles. We were competing against 27 Primary Schools and approx. 150 children were running in each race (Boys race and Girls race).

Remembrance Sunday



Here are some of Y4 pupils with the poppies they made for use at the Remembrance Service in Kinson on Sunday. Fifty of our choir turned out to participate in the singing and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner that made parents and staff alike very proud.



Twitter

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Individual Photos

These were taken on Wednesday 31st October. Feedback on pricing and quality would be most welcome.

Kind regards
Mrs Clare Tickel

Head teacher