

A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week our focus has been on **REMEMBRANCE**:



POPPY APPEAL – Many thanks for your kind donations towards this worthy cause. We will let you know how much was raised when we know.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS – We hope you have found the parental consultations this week useful and informative. I would just like to thank the staff for the time they have given to preparing for and conducting these meetings.

LAST MINUTE TICKETS FOR TONIGHT'S BARN DANCE – If you feel you may have missed out, please do not worry as there are some tickets still available that can be purchased on the door this evening - £5 for adults and £1 for children. Just to remind you that the band will start playing at 6.30pm and the BBQ will be open shortly after that time. Bring along your favourite refreshment. See you tonight for a fun evening!

HARVEST FESTIVAL AUCTION OF PRODUCE – After a keen number of parents bidding for various homemade and home grown items, the auction raised an incredible £154! The school council have now met to discuss which charity they wish to donate the money to and after much discussion the final decision was to buy OXFAM unwrapped gifts, they have chosen to buy clean water for 100 people and to plant 2 allotments. Many thanks for your generous donations making this year's harvest festival yet another successful charity fund raising event. I am sure you will all agree that the children were indeed the stars of the festival with the energy and joy with which they sang their songs and presented their poems and stories. We have now started to work on our next big presentation.....CHRISTMAS!

THE CHRISTMAS TREE IS COMING!!! – Yes! We have taken the decision that it is now ok to mention the word Christmas in school. We eagerly await the arrival of the Christmas Tree which the Bailey's have very kindly donated again this year. Over the last few years it has not gone unnoticed that the trees have been getting progressively bigger. Indeed, last year our magnificent Christmas Tree even hit the local newspapers! We have heard on the grapevine that Mr Bailey may need a bigger van to transport this year's feature tree. We are therefore putting out a plea for very tall dads who may be willing to help with decorating some of the higher branches at our Tree Decorating Service which will be upon us very soon! Thank you once again to Mr and Mrs Bailey for their very generous donation. We look forward to seeing you all at the service which is seen by the staff as a way of launching the start of the Christmas festivities in school.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS AND CELEBRATIONS – This week the children in KS2 have been introduced to their parts for the Christmas Show. This year will be a slightly different format where each class will present a different Christmas story. To minimise any disruption to lessons, Mr Collett is busy working with the children on their parts during their afternoon PSHE sessions and the children will be given lines to learn at home. The children are learning their Christmas songs during our whole school singing assembly. We look forward to sharing our Christmas stories and songs with you later in the term.

CHILDREN IN NEED! – Continuing the theme of charity fund raising, on Friday, 18th November we are inviting children to make a donation towards this worthy cause. As this falls on one of our very busy Fabulous Fridays, we will not be asking the children to make anything or dress up in anyway but if they wish to bring in a donation, these will be collected at morning registration and sent up to the office. We will let you know next week how much money has been raised.

NON UNIFORM DAY FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE – As in previous years we are asking children to provide a donation for the Christmas Fayre raffle prize hampers in exchange for the privilege of coming in non-school uniform for a day. More information about themes for the hampers and the date for non-uniform will be sent out soon.

RECORDER CLUBS: Mrs Whomersley has asked us to mention that there will be no recorder clubs next week as she is unavailable. There will however be recorders on Fabulous Friday as usual.

TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS: This week we seemed to have received a record number of children receiving certificates.

BRONZE CERTIFICATE WINNERS – Liberty Dingle, Joshua White, Jack Jamieson, Freddie Nicholls, Lily Roe, Skyla Symons, Madlen Wilson, Hannah Bennett, Darcy White, Charlie Long, Sapphire Bennett, Bradley Distin, Elijah Mitten, Rowan Macindoe, Isla McCandless, Lauren Partridge, Anna Matthews, Rowan Searle, William Best, Ruby Woon, Ocean Stock, Courtney Saayman, Grace Harvey and Ella Bailey.

SILVER CERTIFICATE WINNERS – Flora Clark, Harry Murphy, Daisy Davies, Kiera Peters, Cara McCandless, Holly Court, Isla Cameron and Chloe Saayman.

GOLD CERTIFICATE WINNERS – Sol Guimarães and Eli Guimarães.

Well done to you all!

RAK CLUB NOMINATIONS – This week there has been a very special nomination for one of our Year 5 pupils who has demonstrated incredible kindness. Through choosing to spend her own time car washing, gardening, cooking meals and making cards for friends and relatives, Maia Rowe has raised a staggering £700 towards funding a memorial bench that will be placed at St Clements in memory of her Grandfather. Maia has also decided that any money left over will be donated to cancer care charities. We are very proud of your dedication and kindness, Maia. Thank you for your very generous act of kindness – a great inspiration to us all!

We wish you all a restful weekend!

FOPS UPDATE

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for tonight's **Barn Dance** it's not too late! We will be selling tickets on the door, £5 for adults, £1 for children, BYO own refreshments, free squash for the children, BBQ selling burgers £2 and hotdogs £1.50. Live band, "Whippletree Ceilidh", 6.30-9pm.

Due to fire regulations, everyone will need to sign in as they enter the school to ensure we know exactly how many people are in the building. Parents are also responsible for their own children and must ensure that they stay in the building. Thank you for your support for what we hope will be another successful school fundraising event.

Non- uniform Day, Thursday, 24th November. We will again be asking for themed donations on this day. These will form part of the Christmas Fayre raffle hampers, and any not used will be sold on the tombola stall at the fayre. I will let you know each class's "theme" in next week's newsletter.

Christmas Fayre, 2nd December. We would be grateful if anyone just about to make their Christmas cake could make an extra one (any size will be fine). We will sell all cakes at the fayre, last years contributions sold out very quickly. Thank you.

We will be holding the ever-popular **Film Night** for the children on **Friday, 9th December.** The cost will be £3 per child to include a drink/treat bag/a gift. Further details to follow shortly.

On the same evening as the film night whilst you wait for your children, instead of last years make your own Christmas pudding, we thought it be nice to offer "**make your own wreath decoration**". All items needed will be supplied, along with some bucks fizz and Susie's Michael Bubl  CD! Details of times etc to follow.

If you have any questions, please speak to Rona King, Susie Matthews or myself.

Have a lovely weekend, Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary