

WEST ASHTON



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## Newsletter

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### Message from Mrs Huxham

Welcome back from the holidays, I hope everyone had a good break!

As I mentioned in my letter earlier this week, it has been a term since I started here at West Ashton and we have had a lot of changes so far. Since we have joined the Acorn Trust we have had 2 interim heads which have put some changes in place but did not have time to look deep into the problems that put this school into special measures. This is now my job and there is still a lot of work to be done, we have an excellent team of staff that work well together and I know we have very supportive parents.



However, it is important for us all to realise that there will still be changes that need to be made. I want you to know that every change I put into place is for the good of the children as they are the most important part of the school and the reason we are all here. I will endeavour to let you know of any major changes that will affect you as parents and try to explain the reasons behind the change

Behaviour has been an issue at this school and I am dealing with this problem. I have already excluded some children and we are trialling a more positive behaviour system. These problems take time to change. We are also working hard to embed basic behaviours that we expect in school. We are looking at one behaviour a week which we expect in school and where you can help support this at home.

**BE POLITE**

say hello

offer to help

hold the door

**SMILE**

PAY A COMPLIMENT

use "please" & "thank you"

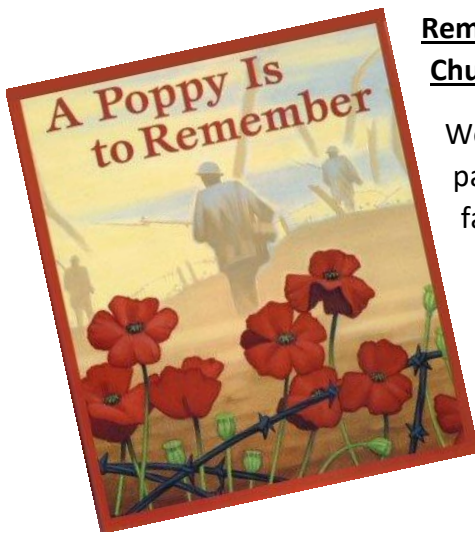
This week we have been looking at **GOOD MANNERS**. We are expecting children to say good morning to adults they see around the school. Holding doors open for other members of staff and children, and listening to other people when they speak. I am pleased to say this has been working well and most of the children are becoming very polite.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Parents Evenings this week, approximately 85%. If you were not able to attend and would like meet with your child's teacher, please contact them direct and make an appointment.

Please also remember that my door is always open and I am usually out on the playground in the mornings if you have any worries or concerns, or good news to share.

Have a good weekend!

Debby Huxham



## Remembrance Day Service - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am at St John's Church West Ashton

We will be going to the church on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am to take part in the Remembrance Day Service and all parents, carers, friend and family of children of West Ashton are welcome join us.

We do have poppies in the office if you or your child would like to give a donation to the poppy appeal.

## Open Day – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

It is our Open Day for prospective parents and children for September 2018 this Tuesday. Please share this with any families that you think may be interested. We really want to promote the school on this day so can you all ensure that your children are extra smart for the day in their uniforms.

### Reminder: Sickness/Absence

If your child is unwell or is not coming to school for any reason, please ensure that you ring the office before 9.30am. If no one is able to answer please leave a message. If we do not hear from you and your child is absence, we will be following this up.

### Certificates and Awards:

The certificates and awards given in today's Celebration Assembly were as follows:

**Class Certificates** – w/e 03/11/2017 Lola Davis, Clarissa Webster, Oakley Noad

**Good Work Certificates** – w/e 03/11/2017 Mia Faulkner, Maia Hobbs, Cherry Cao

A big well done to all these children.

### Key Dates:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Open Day
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – FOWA Committee Meeting 8.00pm at The Kings Arms, Trowbridge
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am – Remembrance Service at St John's Church
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day (Non-Uniform Day)
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service – St John's Church
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Play 2.00pm
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Play 6.00pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term

