

School Newsletter Friday 9th November

Coming up next week:

Wed - Year 3/4 Gemini Gym

Fri - Tree Surgeon in Church Yard (see below)

Fri - Raise the Roof. Years 3/4. Parents to collect at 2:45 from Nailsea School

Fri - Children in Need

Fri 16th Nov - Tree Surgeons

There will be Tree Surgeons in the lower part of the church yard on Friday from 8am for the whole day. For Health and Safety reasons please use the top, slightly longer pathway around the back of the church for both drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the school day. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Fri 16th Nov - Raise the Roof

For Years 3/4. Please remember to pick up your child from Nailsea school at 2:45am

Fri 16th Nov - Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in need so pupils are invited to wear pyjamas, anything spotty or that has Pudsey Bear on it in return for a small donation to this worthy cause.

Church News

Saturday 24th November 10:30 to 14:30 - Christmas Fair, All Saints, Wraxall. Various stalls. Gift Ideas. KIDS Zone - Santa's Grotto AND Refreshments served in the Cross Tree Centre. Come along and enjoy the Christmas fun!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Is that only one week down? Boy, does it feel like longer. I am so tired that I might not make it back after the Christmas holidays. Oh, wait...

Much of this week has been dedicated towards our Remembrance Service on Thursday. Each of the classes were tasked with reciting a suitable poem or song to commemorate those brave men and women who gave their lives one hundred years ago, in World War I. They have absolutely embraced the spirit of what we were striving for, taking the process extremely seriously; learning their lines at home and working hard to make improvements where necessary. Listening to Year 1/2 and 5/6 practise, 'Keep the Home fires Burning' in the hall, was simply beautiful; real hairs on the back of your neck stuff. Incidentally, while those guys were singing in the hall, Reception were having one last run through of their own, in their classroom. Now, what is the word I am looking for? Hmm... 'gusto', that's it. They were singing with 'gusto'. I could hear them while I was down on the field. I could also hear Mrs H, 'A bit louder... a bit more... no. No! Not that much... wait! Quieter... now I can't hear you! I think I am going to cry.' I fear Reception may have broken her.

The actual service went beautifully and I must say a big 'thank you' to all the staff, Mrs Baker and Fran for putting in such a significant amount of work in order for everything to run so smoothly and at such a high standard. I must also mention the ladies of the parish who helped our children make the beautiful poppies for the displays you may have seen in church. It was lovely to see so many of you supporting us this afternoon and sharing in our service; I know how much it means to the children to have you there. While everyone did extremely well, I thought 'Keep the home fires burning' and the poem from Year 3/4 were particularly moving. A couple of our Reception children also managed to garner a wry smile from many of the congregation by taking Mrs Hayward at her word: exiting the stage as directed... and straight to their mums and dads. Well, she did not say where they had to exit to.

Of course, all sorts of other bits and bobs have been going on this week. Wednesday saw representatives of Year 5/6 take part in the North Somerset Small Schools Football Tournament. They represented the school fantastically well: playing in exactly the spirit we would expect and trying their hearts out. They were an absolute credit to the school and, more importantly, themselves.

Year 1/2 have come over all Ray Mears, spending today at Forest Schools. For those who are not sure, this is where the children get 'back to nature' and learn some of those traditional forest and survival skills which have long been dwindling. They had the opportunity to build dens, identify leaves, take part in treasure hunts and even weave twigs. As you can imagine, they had the time of their lives and now feel that this is the way forward for all their future schooling.

Our Stars of the Week were Arthur & Elsie in Reception, Henry & WEmme in Year 1/2, Ben & Mika in Year 3/4 and Oliver & Yasmin in Year 5/6. Very well done. The house with the most conduct and work marks was Dragons and Poppy Pitt was awarded a bronze star badge.

We have been asked to remind everyone that the children should not be running over or playing with the graves in the churchyard. It is wonderful to see our children so comfortable and enjoying walking through the churchyard on a daily basis, not least as it helps build their sense of connection with our church. However, out of respect, could you remind them not to run over the graves and avoid playing with them as this is not safe. You will probably have noticed that several of them are lying flat as they are not as secure as they need to be. We would hate for an accident to happen. Along similar lines, please be aware that tree surgeons will be operating in the churchyard next Friday and the path you usually take will be out of action. You can still walk through the graveyard, but please could you follow the path as it branches behind the back of the church. Thank you for your help with this.

Have a lovely weekend. Play safely and take care. As a parting thought, I got absolutely soaked yesterday on the school gate (until one wonderful parent took pity on me and donated his broly – excellent report coming the way of your little girl, sir) and had to briefly remove my socks to allow them to dry (cue unkind comments from Miss Madge). Popping down to Reception, my bare feet caused quite a stir, with Soph exclaiming, 'But you've got toes!' I have indeed my darling, I am a very lucky man.

Mr Tucker