### **Newsletter No 9**

Dear Parents and Carers,



# Friday 11th November 2016



Today we marked Armistice Day with a special assembly and a two minutes silence. Along with showing respect and understanding, it is a great opportunity to learn about fundamental British Values.

It was great to see that so many of you were able to meet with your child's teacher this week. This is a really important opportunity for us to work together for the mutual benefit of your children.



Thinking about working in partnership; I wanted to mention the use of social media this week. I am very proud of my staff who give above and beyond their contracted hours, time and duties for the school and our children. It is very disappointing when we are shown or told about negative posts on social media. We do get to see most posts, even if they are part of closed groups or members only forums. While damaging to the relationship between the school staff and parents, some of these posts may also bring the school into disrepute or indeed be libellous. Please think twice before complaining on social media and come and talk to us instead. I will proactively ask school governors and the local authority to pursue legal action against any future or historical inappropriate posts.



We also celebrated International Origami Day today as an opportunity to be creative, follow instructions and to practice our growth mindsets.

### AWESOME ART WEEK EXHIBITION

Next week we will be holding an Awesome Art Week in School. Each class will be using a piece of art work as the inspiration for exciting and inspiring cross curricular themes. Parents are invited to come along to an exhibition of the children's work after school next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 3.20pm until 4.00pm. You will also be able to visit the Pupil Parliament Bake Sale for Children in Need in the Hall.



Once again I need to ask parents and carers not to allow children to use their scooters or bicycles on the school path before or after school to ensure everyone's safety. Can I also ask that everyone keeps off the grass during the winter months.

# A message from our pupil parliament...

Friday 18th November is Children In Need day. To raise money, the School will be having a nonuniform day. We are asking for a donation of £1 from every pupil participating.

The staff will be competing in a mini bake-off; they will bake the nicest cakes they can and we will sell them after school.

Please remember to bring your money into school because it will be going to an amazing charity, every penny counts.

#### Oak Class assembly

Also, Oak class have their class assembly on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November so parents of year 5 and year 6 can come along to watch.

Thank you for reading, From Pupil Parliament

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