



## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

This week has been busy marking the centenary of the First World War. My thanks go to those of you who joined us for our Service of Remembrance at Cookham's War Memorial earlier and for those of you who accompanied the children to the WW1 exhibition at Holy Trinity Church at points during the week. The exhibition continues over the weekend. On Saturday, singers from Cookham's WI will be leading visitors in a singalong of songs from the era. The Sunday Service of Remembrance begins at 10:50am at the War Memorial in the village and will end in church where the exhibition can be viewed again. It is well worth a visit so I encourage you to go along.

All week the children have shown their respect for the men and women who have fought and died in conflict by making donations and wearing a poppy. Thank you for helping us to support the Royal British Legion again this year.

Thank you also for coming along to our Book Fair. As I mentioned last week, the school receives a percentage of sales to spend on new books for our library so everyone will have benefited from your purchases.

The netball and football team have played a match this week and four of our high flying mathematicians from Year 6 have taken part in local heats of The National Young Mathematicians' Award organised by Explore Learning. News of these events will be reported in our end of term newsletter.

Let me remind you about Operation Christmas Child's project to send Christmas boxes to children across the world who are in need. Last week your child should have brought home a leaflet explaining the project and inviting them to take part. If they would like to make a contribution, their present should be brought to school no later than 16th November. The leaflets, of which there are spares in the school entrance, explain exactly how to go about putting a 'shoe box gift' together.

I do appreciate the consideration you show on a daily basis to our neighbours when you park your vehicle at drop-off and pick-up times. It is especially helpful if you can avoid driving down School Lane as it alleviates congestion. If however you do choose to walk, be mindful of the fact that cars leave the staff car park at these busy times. Dogs should therefore be secured outside school in a safe place notably not behind parked vehicles as drivers struggle to see them when reversing.

With parents' evening next week the staff are looking forward to meeting with you and talking through your child's attainment, progress and next steps. Please be aware that slots are limited to 10 minutes to allow us enough time to meet with everyone. If you require a longer meeting, please arrange this with your child's class teacher.

Also next week, on Friday, we will be supporting Children in Need. Your child is invited to discard their uniform for one day and instead come to school dressed in spots. If they choose to do so, they should bring £1. All the money collected will be sent off to the charity.

Finally, after my request in last week's newsletter, fewer children have been arriving late in the morning with most using the 10 minute window, between the gate opening at 8:45 am and then being locked at 8:55 am, to arrive on the playground. Please continue to observe this.

Anna Smith



**Cygnets Class** – Mitchell Luiz-Barrea – for always joining in and contributing when on the carpet

**Swan Class** – Savannah Youthed-Matsuaire – for great effort with reading and writing

**Kingfisher Class** – Harry Rees – for making a tremendous effort with his handwriting when writing

**Gosling Class** – Marcy Moorhouse – for amazing effort, focus and resilience across all subjects

**Teal Class** – Matthew Teather – for a good working attitude and being enthusiastic when completing tasks

**Cormorant Class** – Anum Munir – for working hard in every subject and learning her lines for our assembly

**Moorhen Class** – Aston Smith – for a consistently excellent attitude to all his work and for being ready to begin lessons

## MONTHLY CALENDAR DATES

12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5 Class Assembly at 2:45pm

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Consultations

16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need (dress in spots)

16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Deadline for returning Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes

19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bikeability Course (Year 6 only)

29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 poetry performance Holiday Inn 6:30 pm

30<sup>th</sup> Nov - PTA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - KS1 & Foundation Nativity (Rehearsal)

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Open Evening for parents of children joining in September 2019 - 4pm & 6pm

4<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 & Foundation Nativity Play at 2pm

5<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 & Foundation Nativity Play at 6pm

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Teal Class Assembly at 2.45pm (Year 4)

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 & Foundation school trip

11<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 Christmas Party

11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Carols with the Choir at 6pm

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christmas Party

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rocksteady Concert for Parents 9.15am

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Church Service at 10.30am

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nasal Flu Vaccination (Years R – 5)