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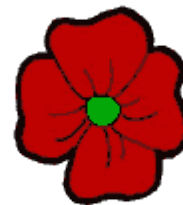
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THIS TERM'S SCHOOL VALUE IS:

LOVE

Remembrance Day, Poppy Appeal, and much more...





On Friday we were incredibly proud of our children who were both dignified and respectful as they gathered at the front of school to mark Remembrance Day. We were also very pleased to welcome war veteran David from the Royal British Legion who was present during the ceremony. Children, staff, parents and visitors met at the flag pole followed by two minutes of silence during which the flag was then lowered to half-mast and beautifully made wreaths were laid at the foot of the flagpole by each year group led by the House Captains who did an incredibly professional job. The children understand the significance of the day which was hugely apparent through their mature attitude during the ceremony. They wore their poppies with pride and The Head Boy and Head Girl recited 'Flanders Fields' and 'For The Fallen' with poise and eloquence. We are extremely proud of our children who behaved so very well at such a significant occasion.

We would thank families for their contributions towards the poppy appeal. Almost all of our poppies have sold out. Contributions will be given to The Royal Legion Poppy Appeal.



Reporting your Child Absent



If your child is off sick or will be absent from school, we need to be informed by **9.15am at the very latest**. Please use the pupil absence line by calling the school and press 1 and leave your child's name, class and a brief message explaining why they are absent from school. If we do not hear from you by 9.30am then the School Office will send you a text and your child will be marked as having **unauthorised absence** and this may result in a call or letter from the Education Welfare Officer, who will be visiting the school next term to have a look at our records. Please note that even if you have informed the teacher, it is imperative that you also inform the school office of your child's absence. Also if your child is late you must sign the late signing in register. This is important for security reasons so please do remember to sign in late.

School Lunches

Please could we ask parents that if your child has a packed lunch with him/her that you either go onto Scopay and cancel a previous hot dinner order or come and tell the ladies in the office as the school is then charged for wasted meals. Many thanks. We would also ask that parents remember to pre-book hot dinners as children may not get their preferred meal if they tell us on the day and we may not have enough dinners to accommodate those who have not booked.



Please note that we now only we offer jackets potatoes on Monday Wednesday and Friday. Pasta is on a Tuesday and Thursday.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - HEAD LICE

Head lice have been reported in your child's class. Head lice are very easy to pick up and in order to prevent them spreading we would appreciate it if you would check your child's hair **tonight**. Please do not delay in treating your child if they do have head lice. *It is recommended that the whole family is checked and treated if one child has head lice.* Failure to treat your child may mean that head lice will continue to spread through the school. If you find lice or tiny white eggs stuck to your child's hair (especially behind the ears), we suggest you use the lotion your chemist recommends. Should you need any other information, please contact the school or your health visitor. The School Nurse is also available to talk to parents about head lice on 01628 682979.

Nut Allergy

A number of children have been bringing in chocolate spread sandwiches. As there are a number of children allergic to nuts can you ensure that there are no nuts in any of the spreads. This is vital as nut allergies can often be fatal. Thank you.

Cognitive Ability Tests

Mrs. Maskell will be holding a meeting for Year 3 and 4 parents on Thursday 23rd November at 9:10am and 2:45pm. We will share with you what the test involves, your child's results and ways you can support your child at home. If you are unable to attend this meeting, we will put the presentation onto the school website and send your child's results directly to you. If your child is currently in Year 4 and only started Wessex this September your child did not take the test and therefore we do not have any results to give to you but please feel free to come along to the meeting.

Upcoming Events!

Next week we will be focusing on the theme of Love with the children. We have been learning about being kind and caring to each other in school. We used the story of the rainbow fish to discuss what makes a good friend and how sharing and being caring will make you a good friend. This will lead up to anti bullying month. I am proud to say Wessex is a kind and caring community where we have lots of excellent examples of positive role models for our children. Children have also been asked to dress up in spotty clothes next Friday for Children in Need.

DEADLINE MON 13TH: Children's Christmas Fair Posters -

Top 3 will WIN a Grotto Ticket to be 1st in line to see Santa at the Fair (11am, Sat 2nd)

We need your children's wonderful creative skills for our Christmas Fair posters please. One poster per Year group will be chosen and displayed.

Please submit them into the school office on paper or digitally via email to pta@wessexprimary.org by November 13th.

Details needed to stand out most on the Poster:

- Wessex Christmas Fair
- Saturday 2nd December
- 11am-2pm

Additional items they might want to include:

- Visit Santa in his Grotto
- Mrs Claus' Craft Shop
- PIE FACE!
- Lucky dips
- Facepainting
- NERF Gun Alley
- Fun Photo Booth
- Pizza and Pancakes
- Delicious cakes, sweets, cookies
- Elfie Selfie competition
- Great prizes

CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 2nd Dec

This year we have some new really fun Stalls on offer but firstly need some help from you guys to make these happen!

- Volunteer for a Slot

Please check ParentMail for more details and the link to the SignUp Sheet

- Friday 1st Dec - Bring Bottle / Gift Tombola Donations

Christmas MUFTI !!

- Buy your Raffle Tickets

Coming home soon



2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 20 th November	Grammar Expectations for Year 6 – 3.30pm and 6pm (Approx. 45 minutes)	The Parents / Carers of Year 6 children
Thursday 23 rd November	Presentation and Results of Cognitive Ability Test for Year 3 and 4 Presentations at 9.10am and 2.45pm	Y3 and Y4 Parents/Carers
Monday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity – 9.30am	Year 1 Parents/Carers
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity – 9.30am	Year 2 Parents / Carers
Thursday 14 th December	Carols Round the Christmas – 2.30pm	Year 3 to Year 6 Parents / Carers
Thursday 14 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity	Nursery & Reception Parents / Carers
Friday 15 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity	Nursery & Reception Parents / Carers

2017 PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Thursday 15 th November	Bags 2 School – 9am	All
Thursday 23 rd November	Christmas Shopping Evening – 7pm to 9pm	All
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair – 11am to 2pm	All

Term Dates for the Academic Year 2017 / 2018

Autumn 2017

Term 1 (35 days)

INSET DAY: Monday 4th September 2017*

INSET DAY: Tuesday 5th September 2017

Term starts on: Wednesday 6th September 2017

Term ends on: Friday 20th October 2017

October Holiday: Monday 23rd October 2017 to Friday 27th October 2017

Term 2 (37 days)

Term starts on: Monday 30th October 2017

Term ends on: Tuesday 19th December 2017

Christmas Holiday: Wednesday 20th December 2017 to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring 2018

Term 3 (28 days)

INSET DAY: Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Term starts on: Thursday 4th January 2018

Term ends on: Friday 9th February 2018

February Holiday: Monday 12th February 2018 to Friday 16th February 2018

Term 4 (29 days)

Term starts on: Monday 19th February 2018

Term ends on: Thursday 29th March 2018

Spring Holiday: Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018

(Good Friday – 30th March; Easter Monday – 2nd April 2018)

Summer 2018

Term 5 (29 days)

Term starts on: Monday 16th April 2018

Term ends on: Friday 25th May 2018

May Holiday: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018

Term 6 (37 days)

Term starts on: Monday 4th June 2018

Term ends on: Friday 20th July 2018

INSET DAY: Monday 23rd July 2018

INSET Day: Tuesday 24th July 2018

* INSET days - there are five Inset (or Teacher Training) days to be taken during the 2017/18 academic year. One of these, set by the local authority, will be the first day of Term 1 (Monday 4th September 2017). The remaining four days must be taken *within* the 195 days given above.