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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent consultations

Took place this week. Red Class have one more session next Tuesday. We hope you found these helpful and informative. If there are any matters you still wish to discuss, or if you were unable to make your appointment, please feel free to contact us to arrange to speak to your child's class teacher.

Sports News

Lots of sports this week: Reports from some of our Sports Ambassadors:

Yesterday, from Year Three to Year Six, we went to the John Fisher School to run in the Catholic Schools Cross Country Races. The whole team did outstandingly and overall Margaret Roper came in second place out of ten schools. In the Y3/4 girls' race Ella came in second, Rose came in third and, in the Y3/4 Boys' race, Michael came in second; they all received medals. We had lots and lots of other top 20 finishers. All the racers from Margaret Roper were enthusiastic and did very well. Well done team! (By Gabrielle)

Yesterday, we played football away to Minster Primary School. In the first half it was very close the whole way through; they had some good chances, but Max our goalkeeper made some phenomenal saves, so at half time we were locked together at 0-0. In the second half, we came out a lot stronger and, about five minutes in, Oliver dinked the keeper to make it 1-0 to Margaret Roper. Not long later, Edner made it 2-0 by shooting past the keeper at the near post. As we were 2-0 up, Minster started to get frustrated and put in some dirty tackles that led to some injuries. Minster had beaten us the previous week at home 1-0, so we got our revenge beating them 2-0. Well done to all the team. (by Harry)

Ed's note: Well done to all the teams who continue to make us proud and play in the very best spirit!

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is National anti-bullying week. The theme is 'One Kind Word'. We will be covering topics related to combating bullying in all its forms in classes and in assemblies run by our Y6 inclusion ambassadors. On Monday, we are recognizing Anti Bullying Week by wearing Odd Socks – the idea that we are all different and each one of us has unique qualities that should be celebrated. We are asking the children (and staff) to wear odd socks on Monday – any socks; the odder the better! If girls are wearing tights they can always wear their odd socks over the top. We will report back on the week's activities in a subsequent newsletter. For more info, see

[Anti-Bullying Week 2021: One Kind Word \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

Infant Nativity

Our Infant Nativity this year, 'The angel that nearly missed it all' takes place on Wednesday 8th (1.45pm) and Thursday 9th December (9.30am). A dress rehearsal is being professionally recorded and will be available soon after. In order to prevent overcrowding, we will be issuing tickets, four per family. A letter will go out shortly with additional details. The Infant Nativity includes children from Reception Class, Year One and Year Two. We're so pleased to have our Infant Nativity back this year!

PTA News

We're really looking forward to the Quiz night tonight. Thanks to all who are attending and to the Friends of Margaret Roper for all the organising. Special thanks to John Rutland for preparing and asking the questions. Well done to everyone for supporting us, whatever your eventual result in the quiz!

Thanks to all the parents who brought in gifts for our Christmas Fair, which takes place on Saturday 4th December. We're looking forward to an excellent Fair with lots of fun for the whole family. We've missed having it in 2020 and value your support. Please keep a close eye on the parents Facebook pages to get the latest news. We have a mufti day on 26th November for bottle donations for our bottle stall.

Don't forget to get your orders in for school photographs; you should have received the proofs a while back.

My Child's Art – a flyer went out to all classes about this; we created some artworks that can be made into Christmas Cards and other mementoes and they make lovely gifts. If you missed the flyer for any reason, please ask at the office.

Remembrance

This week in school we have been thinking about the sacrifice of all the services in our class remembrance services. Year Two led the Infants yesterday in a special remembrance assembly, and Year Five led the Juniors in a service at 10.45am. Canon John joined us for this. We observed the 2-minute silence as a school at 11am. In our classes we have been focusing some of our work on remembrance and some of the displays are below, as well as a sample of the poems written by our Y6 pupils. Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, so take the time to stop, reflect with your children and pray for peace in our world.

Worship in school

I was delighted to attend a 'Baptism' celebrated by Red Class this week. The children led a 'baptism' service and re-enacted the rite of baptism. Year One also attended and then we had a big party. It was delightful to see how the children had learned so much about this topic in RE, that we have been studying.

Phonics Workshop

Following the Phonics workshop held recently by Infant Staff, please see attached a handout that support the workshop. We are working hard to ensure that our children are reading as much as possible every day, and appreciate your support at home.

Stars of the week:	Writers of the week:	Mathematicians of the week
Amelia & Benjamin	Caterina	Alexia
Martina & Matthieu	Taliyah	Reyes
Alice & Melanie	Olivia	Jack
Vanessa & Christina	Jacob	Ja'El
Alfie & Mia B	Nathan	Tom
Kaylie & Ria	Alex	Isabella

This week's attendance awards are as follows:

Y3 - 99.27 % Attendance. Y4 - 100% punctuality - well done to both classes!

Have a lovely weekend.

D Mooney

Attachments:

Phonics Workshop handout

Purley John Fisher RFC Flyer



**Sports Ambassadors proudly holding
the Cross Country Trophy**

A Remembrance Poem – By Kaylie, Y6

The mayhem and chaos of World War One
Poppies growing on the weary ground
Brave, strong soldiers fighting for their country
A glimmer of hope is found.

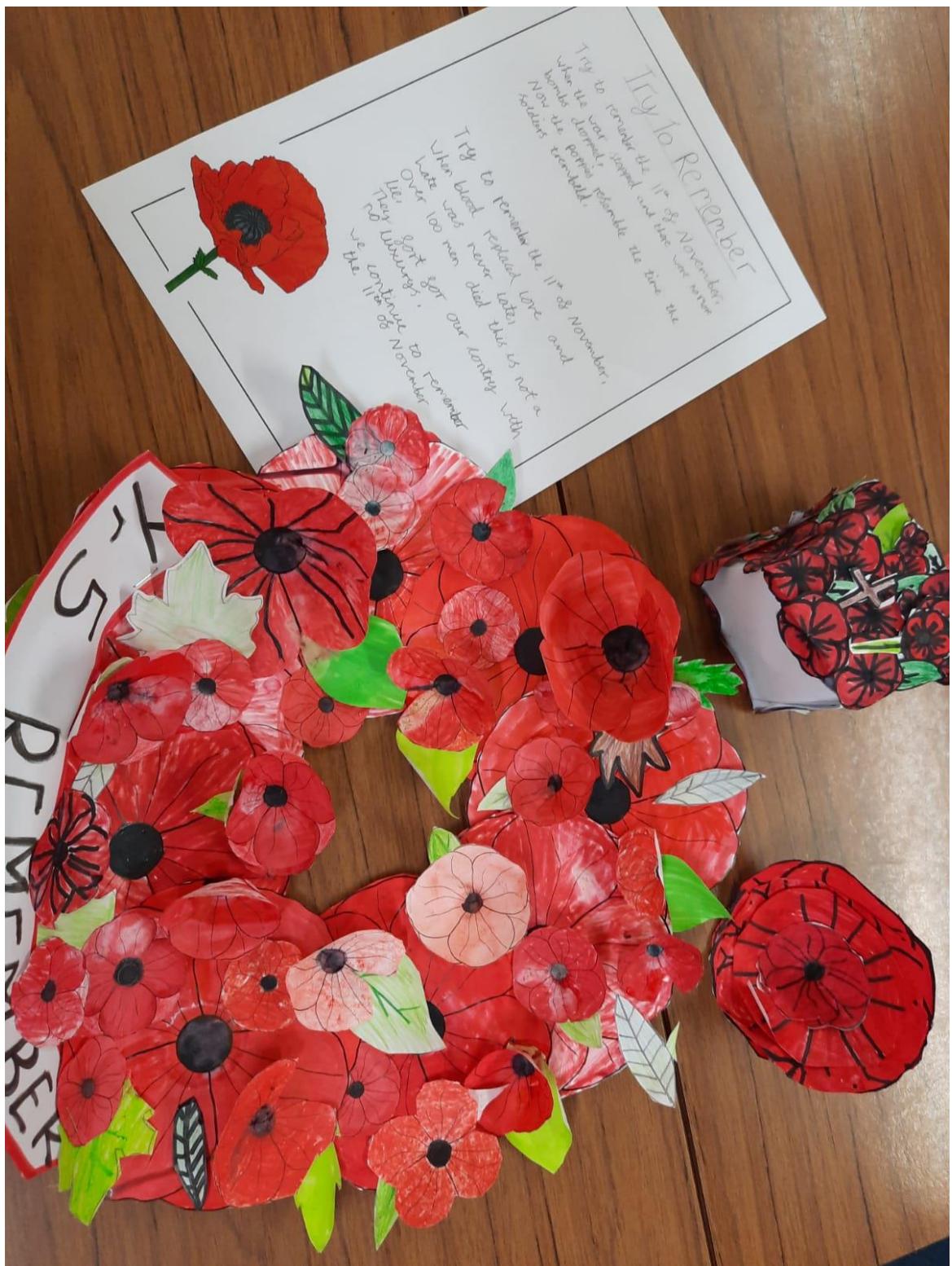
We will never forget.

The fighters gently fall on the upturned grass
Tragically losing their lives; the end so suddenly comes
Inaudible over the guns, the birds bravely sing
A glimmer of hope for some.

We will never forget.

Gorgeous poppies, a radiant red
Shining like a flame of fire
The smoke of the guns rises higher

It has been said; they didn't die in vain.
We will never forget.







Green Class Remembers

R remember those who died in the war
E each year fought for our freedom
M memory of the brave soldiers should live forever
E everyone wears poppies
M many people sacrificed their lives for
B millions of countries where there is still war
E every November 11th
R red poppies remind us to remember



