



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12 November 2021

In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ **Armistice Day / Remembrance Sunday;**
- ◆ **Our local Member of Parliament visits school;**
- ◆ **Children in Need events next Friday.**

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ **Children in Need day next Friday - cake sale and non-uniform day;**
- ◆ **Wear odd socks on Monday for Anti-bullying week!**

The First World War officially ended 103 years ago on Thursday this week: on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, 1918 - Armistice Day. The act of a two minute silence began on the anniversary of Armistice Day in 1919 by those who did not want to forget the millions killed, injured and affected. Now generally called Remembrance Day, millions of people stop what they are doing and observe a two minute silence at 11am on 11 November each year in the memory of those who have been affected in all conflicts. As a school and community, we have, over the last three years, created a display of knitted poppies at the main entrance of school, which I hope you will agree, looks fantastic. Thank you also to our parents, Mrs O'Grady for the wonderful wooden poppy display which is attached to the tree outside of school and features the names of all the people from Howden le Wear who died in World War 1 and 2; and to Mrs Brannan who donated a lovely decorative Poppy Wreath which is on display in our main entrance. To mark this occasion, on Thursday, we held a two minute silence in every classroom and I attended the cenotaph in the village with a selection of children to lay a wreath on behalf of our whole school community. We were delighted to be joined at the village Cenotaph by Richard Holden MP, the Member of Parliament for South West Durham. Richard had arranged to visit our school on Thursday morning to meet with staff and children, and we were delighted that his visit coincided with our Armistice Day events.

On Sunday, there will be a Remembrance Service organised by the village History Society in the New Victoria Centre starting at 10am and from there, people will head to the War Memorial where wreathes will be laid at 11am. Leilah-Mae from our Year 2/3 class has kindly volunteered to lay a wreath on behalf of everyone at Howden le Wear Primary School on Sunday morning. Thank you to Leilah- Mae for representing the school in this way; everyone is welcome to attend the service from 10am.

Moving on to next week, Children in Need day is next **Friday 19 November** and to support the national fundraising effort, we are hosting a whole school non-uniform day. Children can choose to wear something yellow/spotty to show their support for Children in Need or alternatively, come to school in clothes of their choice. We kindly request a minimum donation of £1.00 to attend in non-uniform and all children will receive a cupcake at playtime too. Please donate via Parentpay at the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4298>

It's Anti-Bullying Week in school next week and this year the theme is 'One Kind Word'. I'm sure you will agree, kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last two years has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. So we will be promoting and encouraging everyone to be kind, look out for one another and spread awareness of the Anti-Bullying Week core values. To kick the week off, we are declaring Monday 15th November as 'Odd Socks Day', where we would like all children (and staff!) to come to school in odd socks to symbolise and promote how we are all unique and different. It will also be great to see everyone show their odd socks to the whole school in Monday morning assembly! All children have to do is come to school in odd socks and if you normally wear tights or leggings, you could wear your odd socks over these or you could even put some odd socks on your hands for the day! Thanks for all your support with this and we look forward to a great week, next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines
Headteacher



For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



Breakfast Bagels are back!

We are really pleased to be working in collaboration with the **National School Breakfast Programme** again to be able to provide all of our children with breakfast bagels at the start of the school day.

These will be prepared and ready for children to enjoy in every class when they arrive at school on a morning and this fantastic initiative ensures that all our children have had the option of something to eat in advance of the morning's learning. More information on the National School Breakfast Programme can be found at [National School Breakfast Programme - Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](http://NationalSchoolBreakfastProgramme-family-action.org.uk)



Our Local Member of Parliament Visits School

As mentioned overleaf, on Thursday, Richard Holden MP, Member of Parliament for South West Durham, visited school to meet with children and staff and have a tour of our school. Richard was keen to talk with children about the learning that was taking place in classrooms and find out how things have been going in school after what has been a tough couple of years for us all.

Richard also took the time to answer a selection of questions posed to him by children in our Year 5/6 class. With topical subjects on the agenda, from how we can all support climate change linked to the current COP 26 conference to how to improve the car parking situation in and around our village, children certainly provided a level of challenging questions that would not be out of place in the Houses of Parliament!

Finally to conclude the visit, Richard joined us at the village Cenotaph for the two minute silence for Armistice Day. Our thanks go to Richard for taking the time out of his busy schedule to visit our school and to our children who helped to show our school at its very best. Below are a few pictures of the visit.



Children's Achievements In School

Every Friday, teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

Miss Atkinson's Nursery



Miss Atkinson would like to congratulate **Jaxson** for super poppy printing during Remembrance Day. Well done, Jaxson!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Finley** for his amazing writing in his role play to create a sign. Congratulations, Finley!

Mrs Sheard's Year 1 Class



Mrs Sheard would like to say a huge congratulations to **Mia** for using excellent language in her English work. Super effort, Mia!

Mrs Gray's Year 2/3 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **Finley** for always trying his best and making good progress in maths. Great work, Finley!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 3/4 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Astrid** for listening really well in class, trying hard with all her work and being a good friend to everyone. Great job, Astrid!

Miss Nattrass' Year 4/5 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Hugo** for taking on every challenge with enthusiasm and for the great progress he has made in maths. Congratulations, Hugo!

Mrs Clark's Year 5/6 Class



Mrs C is over the moon with **Macy** for being an excellent classmate and fantastic work completing long division in maths this week. Wonderful news, Macy!



Well done to all our children this week for their fabulous effort and hard work in school.

