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Remembrance Service

Rev Roger led a special Remembrance service at St. Nicholas on Thursday 9th November. The children and congregation all learnt about the meanings behind the different colour poppies and about the importance of striving for peace across the world. The church looked beautiful as it had been decorated with poppies of many shapes and sizes by the WI. (Children at Woodside had made a whole range of different poppies in July to contribute to the displays at St. Nicholas and All Saints).



Year 5 Planetarium

We had fun when the planetarium came to our school and we learnt some new interesting facts that we didn't know; like the names of all of the constellations. This has helped us with our theme 'space' and it helped us with our writing. Also it has given us a new interest to go outside at night to look and appreciate the stars and planets we might see. By Minnie Maccall

Hockey Tournament

On Wednesday 15th of November, I had the pleasure of taking 9 children from year 4 and 6 to a hockey tournament. In the days leading up to the tournament the children had trained every day and they had shown a lot of promise. When we arrived they were all clearly excited to show what they were capable of and every single one of them played outstandingly well. They had scored within the first minute of the first game and this set the standard of what was to come. The children played 3 games to begin and won each of these 2-0, 2-0 and 3-0 - they were unbelievable! Going into the semi finals they had scored the most goals and conceded the least. Unfortunately though they were very unlucky in the semi finals not to win and came in 3rd place out of 11 teams. The team showed so much potential and it was an absolute pleasure to watch them on the pitch. The parents and I were so proud of them all and so a huge well done goes to Ellis Orchard, Georgia Vella, William Harris, Lily Ebejer Earl, Chester Cousins, Amelie Dal Zotto Perron, Scarlet Thompson, Libby Wileman and Harry Dennis.

Mr Langley

Reception Class

Governors have recently agreed to fund an additional day's teaching in reception. Mrs Clark will now be in reception on a Monday, as well, alongside Mrs Vincent.

Lockdown Procedures

It is a new requirement for every school to have lockdown procedures. These have now been written and checked with the police.

Simply, they are a set of procedures which the school puts in place to keep children safe in school (as opposed to a fire drill when the school is evacuated for safety).

We have a separate alarm sound and the children then remain in school and follow teacher instructions until any danger such as poisonous gas escape or an intruder has passed.

We will be practising this in school next week so that the children know what to do. They have been told about this procedure and the practice this morning.

In the event of full lockdown procedures being activated in school; parents/carers will be contacted, as soon as is practical via text/email. Parents must NOT try to contact the school as this could tie up telephone lines needed for emergency services and must NOT come to school.

When school is in a full lockdown situation the switchboard/entrances will not be manned. External doors will be locked and nobody will be allowed in or out.

Online Safety Family Challenge

As part of a big push around thinking carefully about how we use the internet and how to be safe online, I will be setting regular activities which act as prompts for you, as families, to consider how embedded the internet is in your home and how safe the children are when they're online. This week I would suggest that you spend some time being device free! Whether it's eating dinner around the table, a trip in the car or even a whole day without any devices or electronics! Whatever it may be, it is important to consider the implications of being role models for our children. How often are we looking at a screen?

Miss Newman

Free School Books

As part of our ongoing drive to improve literacy standards and promote a love of reading, next week all children who are eligible for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) will be given a book from school to keep. This book is a high quality text and has been carefully chosen to appeal to the child. We hope you enjoy time sharing the book with them. Another book will follow in the Spring and Summer terms.

Remember to check whether your family circumstances mean that your child is eligible for Pupil Premium. You can either check online or ask at the office.

Advent

Each year, Rev Roger organises an Advent Lantern Walk from Baddesley Club to St Nicholas followed by a short service and refreshments.

Children who would like to take part in this community event are able to make a lantern in school (Thursday 30th November 3.30 - 4.30pm) so that they have a light to walk with, up to church on Advent Sunday (3rd December). Parents are welcome to come along to the Lantern making workshop if they would like to, but members of the church and Rev Roger organise the after school event if you are only able to accompany your child on Sunday. This has become a very popular school/church annual event with the children - so please join in the celebrations.

Lantern workshops - Please send your child with any items to decorate a plastic bottle.

Forthcoming Term Dates

Thursday 30th November	PTA Bingo at Baddesley Club
Thursday 30th November	Lantern workshop 3.30-4.30pm
Sunday 3 December	Advent Lantern Walk 5.30pm at Baddesley Club
Saturday 9 December	Woodside Christmas Fayre 11am—2pm
Tuesday 12 December	Reception & KS1 Nativity 9.30am school hall Key Stage 2 Carol Service St Nicholas Church 10.45am
Wednesday 13 December	Nasal flu spray for years 1,2,3,4 and reception
Thursday 14 December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.00pm school hall
Friday 15 December	Reception trip to Conkers
Tuesday 19 December	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Experience Christmas at All Saints, Grendon PTA Film Night 3.30 - 5.30pm
Thursday 21st December	School Christmas Dinner
Friday 22 December	School closes for Christmas at 2pm
Monday 25 December—Friday 5 January 2018—Christmas Holidays	
Monday 8 January	School re-opens for Spring Term for staff and children.
Please note - Monday 8th January is not an INSET day.	
Friday 16th February	INSET Day

Year 2 walk in the village

After the Remembrance Service at church, year 2 went on a walk exploring the local area and how it has changed over time. First of all, we went to the site of old church to see what was left of it. We then walked along Watery Lane and back through the village to school. On the way we spotted an old chapel and also where another one used to be.



We also spotted and photographed several other buildings which the community could use. We enjoyed our walk around the village although some of us were a little worn out by the time we arrived back at school!