



Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022



Remembrance Service in Church

Thank you to Rev Irene Smith for leading our Remembrance Service in Church this morning. It was lovely to be joined by families and friends as we gathered together in remembrance and prayer.

Thank you to our children who helped to lead the Service: Isabel read a prayer of peace and Archie recited an extract from 'The Fallen' as Irene read the names of the soldiers from Checkley who tragically lost their lives during both World Wars.

This morning was an opportunity for our Worship Team—Oliver, Evie and Darcey, to share a prayer they wrote together:

Dear God,

Thank you for the soldiers who keep us safe now.

Thank you for the soldiers who kept us safe long ago.

We pray for those soldiers who look after us.

Please keep them nice and safe

And help us to keep looking after them and their families too.

We pray for the soldiers in Ukraine and we pray for you to protect them and keep them safe,

Be with their families and friends and keep smiling.

Help families and friends who have lost loved ones have peace today,

And help us to always remember those who have helped save our lives.

Thank you for hearing our prayer.

Amen

Remembrance Tree

We have a special Remembrance Tree in our Hall which some of our children have made poppies to hang on the tree. When doing so, the children are invited to either say a short prayer of their own or take a moment of reflection.

Children are more than welcome to bring in poppies from home to hang on our tree if they wish to. (Please could you help us by ensuring there is some thread / ribbon attached to hang the poppy on the tree—thank you).



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School Uniform Policy

If earrings are worn to school, please ensure that these are **stud earrings only**. Earrings will need to be removed when children take part in PE.

A wrist watch may be worn.

Children are not allowed to wear any other jewellery to school—this includes necklaces/rings etc.. Make up (including nail varnish/ temporary tattoos) are not permitted.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Statutory Guidance from Staffordshire County Council re Unauthorised absences and Holidays taken in Term Time

We have received the below Statutory Guidance from SCC regarding school's response to unauthorised absences i.e. - parents taking holidays in Term Time and Persistent Absenteeism. In summary:

For **unauthorised leave in term time** a PNR (Penalty Notice Request) is to be submitted to the LA once the child has returned to school. The LA will then process the fines.

A PNR form can be submitted to the LA if evidence exists of a **suspected holiday**. Parents will be given 7 days to respond with evidence to prove that a holiday was not taken, before submitting the PNR and evidence to the LA.

For **persistent absence (PA)**, once a child has 20 unauthorised absences within a 12-week period, schools are to send in a PNR form to the LA. (1 school day = 2 absence marks). The LA will then process the fines accordingly.

The school will be following this statutory guidance with the support from our Education Welfare Service.

Social Media

Please follow us, like and share our posts on Instagram and Facebook! We are increasing our presence on these—it's a great way to share with you snippets of school life and celebrate some of the amazing work and achievements of our school.

Thank you.