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Newsletter 3

Dear Parents,

This week has been a poignant and thought-provoking one; as a school we have taken the time to remember those who fought or gave their lives so that we could live in a world of **peace**. The children created poppies and lay them together in our socially distanced assembly. They

Our value this half-term is peace.



We will make a peaceful school and world.

Psalm 34:1

Seek peace and pursue it.

were amazingly respectful (I hope you received the Marvellous Me!) and it was clear that they appreciated the importance of remembrance. We hope you enjoyed seeing them near our office this week.

Year 2 also took the time to visit the war memorial in Newdigate to remember our local heroes. It was lovely to do our usual walk to the Church, bathed in sunshine, and look at this

important part of the village community.

The pandemic has made it much harder for us to see and visit the Church, and we have missed our weekly worship in the magnificent building. However, we are now used to re-thinking our approach and have spoken to Rev. Noelle Coe about how we can re-connect with the Church community. We are going to help provide items for the village advent boxes that will be put outside houses on 1st December. The theme is very appropriately, **'Out of Darkness, let there be light.'** We will also be joining forces with the Church (along with our pre-school) and we will be making an electronic advent calendar that will hopefully provide you with an insight into the wonderful things we are doing to celebrate Christmas in school. Our plan is to send you home a new Christmas advent virtual 'door' to open each day that contains a glimpse of one our celebrations. We do hope you will enjoy seeing inside the school as we know it is very hard in the current circumstances for you to fully appreciate the wonderful things we are doing. We would like to share the calendar with the church and village community so will be sending out a permission slip to share images from the school on their Facebook pages and possibly during a Church service if they resume.

We have a number of things planned this term that will help us celebrate the festive season:

- 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day**
- 16th December – Pied Piper Theatre Company Panto**
- 17th December – Class Christmas Parties**
-and a Christmas lunch, date to be confirmed**

It is the time of year when parents are considering admission decisions, either to join our school or to move on to junior school. We would really appreciate any help you can give us in spreading the good word and recommending us to friends and families or posting on social media pages about us and we are happy to chat through options with our Year 2 leavers if that would be helpful.

Finally, please be aware that numbers of Covid cases are rising in the Mole Valley area. Our protective measures continue to be our main risk reducer and we greatly appreciate your support in maintaining social distancing at all times when on site.

Stay well and safe. Paula Bliss



Love & Peace

Trust & Thankfulness

Forgiveness & Hope