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Week beginning November 18th 2019.

Thought for the week:

“Life always gives you a second chance called tomorrow”.

Dear Parents,

Armistice Day. Monday saw school stop, ponder, reflect and mark the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month by ringing a bell and ceasing whatever we were doing. We stopped for a period as a mark of respect for those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for each one of us.

Anti-Bullying Week. This week school has marked Anti Bullying Week. Mrs Coates led the school on Monday through an excellent assembly telling the children that change comes from within. A message that is pertinent to all of us in whatever walk of life we are operating in, if we want real change that change has to start with us. Whatever the circumstances, whether it is to change someone's behaviour, a particular circumstance or what someone might say. We can effect real change often starting with ourselves indeed, “when we are no longer able to change a situation we are challenged to change ourselves”. Many thanks to Mrs Coates for a thought provoking assembly to start our week.

School Mass. Thank you to Y5 and Y2 for leading our Mass this morning, next week our Mass will be led by Y4 and Y1.

Y5 M Class assembly. Thanks to Mr Mulligan and 5M for their lovely assembly this morning.

Y4Y (was R) Class Assembly. The re arranged date for Mrs Young's class assembly will now be *Friday November 22nd*.

Early Years Phonics Workshops. Thanks to those parents that managed to come along to our workshop on Tuesday. Many thanks to Ms Rathbone for leading the meeting I hope those that managed to come along found it useful.

PCSO Visit. To mark Anti Bullying Week we were delighted to welcome PCSO Tracey Baker back into school earlier this week. Tracey spoke to our oldest children primarily about staying safe on line. I would urge all parents to be acutely aware and to monitor what it is their children are accessing on line.

Extra Parents Evening. Thanks to everyone that came along to the additional parents evening midweek, thanks to all the staff for organising the additional consultations. On a separate note thanks to Y4Y parents for their understanding in meeting Mrs Young.



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Y3 Visit to Lapworth Museum. Thanks to Mrs Coates and Ms Pritchard for organising Y3's visit to Lapworth Museum to take the children on a "Journey to the Iron Age".

Y1 visit to the Motorcycle Museum. Despite the torrential weather, Y1 had a super day at the Motorcycle Museum yesterday. Y1 have as their topic this half term "Transport" hence the reason for visiting the Transport museum. Many thanks to Ms Parkes and Mrs Jones for organising the rather soggy visit.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing Award. Next Tuesday school is being assessed for "Mindfulness and Wellbeing Award". This is far from the end of our work but merely the end of the beginning. So much work goes on in school promoting positive mental health and wellbeing I wanted to thank everyone for their efforts. In particular, Mrs Logue for all her hard work and dedication in getting school ready for the assessment. Can I also thank in advance those parents that have agreed to come into school next week to talk to the assessor; your support is much appreciated. Finally a huge thank you to all the children for embracing the work we have done so far so enthusiastically, this work will continue on no matter what the outcome of next Tuesday may bring, so a big thankyou to EVERYONE.

Attendance for the week ending November 15th 2019

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	96%
Rec R	94%
Y1J	98%
Y1P	98%
Y2B	95%
Y2M	98%
Y3C	96%
Y3P	97%
Y4M	95%
Y4Y	98%
Y5A	97%
Y5M	98%
Y6B	96%
Y6M	96%
Weekly Average	96%

Happy Birthday: Grace M, Thomas, Aleena, Solyana, Caleb, Shelly-Mai, Lacey, Maja, Daisy and Cian.

Please pray for Please also pray for Joyce Anderson RIP.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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