



Millfields Remembers

On Wednesday 11th November at 11.00am, all children and staff across the school put down their pens and stood in silence to remember those who have given their lives for our freedom.

Cherry Class children spent their Forest School session building their own monuments by which they stood as they paid their respects.



The corridors and class rooms around school were decorated with wonderful displays of poppies and wreaths that children had created as part of their learning.



We are very proud of everyone in school that observed the silence so beautifully.

See page 6 of this newsletter to find out how Oak Class commemorated Remembrance Day.

Millfields Celebrates Children in Need

On Friday 13th November children (and staff) were invited to dress up in return for a donation towards Children in Need.

As part of the day, children were able to join in with a special assembly with Pudsey Bear who was at BBC Hereford and Worcester Radio station. Children were able to ask Pudsey, (via Nina) some all important questions such as does which chocolate was Pudsey's favourite and does Pudsey like dancing!

It was lovely to see the school so bright and colourful and to see the children smiles for Pudsey.



Hazel Class even combined their P.E. session with Children in Need Day by using chalk to draw giant Pudsey artwork on the back playground. Children were then able to use their skills and knowledge of different jumping techniques to jump on Pudsey's spots!



We are very pleased to say that as a result of your generosity, we have raised... **£276.00!**
Thank you.

Families Magazine Link

We usually send the 'Families Hereford and Worcester' Magazine out at this time of the year. Given the current situation they have sent through a link for you to have a look at instead!

This magazine is full of Christmassy fun and ideas for the whole family as well competitions and some interesting articles to have a look at. If you fancy a read follow the link below:



<https://bit.ly/35Cj5Be>

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle each day. Due to Covid, children no longer have access to the water fountain. It is important that children can drink water throughout the day to keep them hydrated and refreshed.

Please note, only water is permitted in their water bottles during the day. Children can also bring a carton of juice to drink with their packed lunch if they wish.

If your child is reluctant to drink plain water you may like to add some sliced fresh fruit to add some flavour and to help them to get some fluids inside.

2021 School Applications: Pre-School / Reception / Middle School

Applications remain open for anyone with a child looking to start Reception in September 2021. We are very pleased to let you know that our new whole school virtual tour is now live on our website. Look under the 'Information' heading and then select the 'New Entrants' tab, or click the following link to YouTube: <https://youtu.be/XTmzXvUumR8>. Do feel free to have a little nose if you like and let parents / carers of children starting school in September know!

Our Pre-School now has limited spaces remaining for the rest of this year. Spaces are already starting to fill up for September 2021 too! If you, or anyone you know, are interested in sending a child to our Pre-School, please contact the school office for more information.

If your child is currently in Year 4, please make sure you have started to think about applying for a Middle school place. Applications close on **15th January 2021**.

Timetable for Admissions and Transfers Intakes for September 2021

A table showing key dates in the School admission timetable

School Phase	First/Primary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools
Applications Open on	1 September 2020	1 September 2020	1 September 2020
Closing Dates	15 January 2021	15 January 2021	31 October 2020
School Offer Notification Dates	16 April 2021	16 April 2021	1 March 2021



Important Questionnaires

There's still time to complete the surveys if you haven't already done so.

Thank you to everyone who has so far completed the questionnaires we have sent out. In case you may have missed any we have popped the links below for you.

It is really important that these are completed. If you come across any problems with any of these please let us know:

Forest School Food Consent: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q4e3yHzAsEKfcSsFIQIPZAF9eYUMcdAg2fsM8VzGmJUNEUxUUM2OU4wWE81TzIGUkFEUTJZVzMOOC4u>

Remote Learning: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q4e3yHzAsEKfcSsFIQIPZN00LTF2r61EmCIHPfafSB1UQjRNN1U3Nk9MTjJTTkkwRDExWjVCN0dZUI4u>

Parent Questionnaire: <https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q4e3yHzAsEKfcSsFIQIPZNCz5wpwaVHhoK9N42QtdJUNjRIUk5DMjlxM0dJMjMyWEIBTRZNUM2Ni4u>

Or scan the QR code:



Thank you, we appreciate the time you take to complete these.



Flu Vaccinations

Nasal Flu Vaccinations are **still scheduled** to take place in school next Friday, 27th November for all children from Reception to Year 4.

Consent forms have now been sent off for processing.

Vaccinations will take place across the morning of the 27th November and will be completed by a team of nurses from the NHS.

If you would like your child to receive the nasal spray vaccination, but have not yet returned the consent form, please contact the school office.

Children without a consent form will not receive the flu vaccination.



Pupil Photographs

Individual photographs took place today. Children were sent home with their individual printed proof photograph forms on, Friday 20th November.

Should you wish to place an order, you must do this **ONLINE** by **Friday 26th November**. Any orders received after this date will incur a post and package delivery fee.

To place an order please go to www.tempest-orders.co.uk you will need your reference number found on the proof form along with the web access code (SEW619), which can also be found on the proof form.

All orders placed online by 26th November will be delivered to school in time for Christmas at no extra cost to yourselves.

News From ... Cherry Class

Cherry Class have made an excellent start to the school year and have been working incredibly hard.

This half term we have been continuing to learn about the Stone Age in History and have been exploring Stone Age cave art. We are continuing to learn about Rocks and Fossils in Science and have started to learn about soil.



Over the next few weeks we will be carrying out Science experiments using soil. In English, we have been researchers gathering information to assist us with our writing on Bears.



We were lucky enough to be visited on screen via Zoom by a very famous Yellow Bear! Over the next few weeks we will be reading stories about other fictional bears, I wonder if you can guess which ones they may be.....

This week is Anti- Bullying Week and Cherry Class have thought carefully about why it is important to be a good friend to ensure no bullying happens.

We know to think about STOP (Several, times, on, Purpose) to distinguish between bullying and someone just being a bit unkind to us. We know what to when this happens.

If my friend is being bullied I would sort it out and tell them to say sorry if I was being bullied I would tell a teacher that I trust or a adult.



Friendship is important because people can be friends and have good lives. Friends are important because you at least have some company. A good friend is playing together, having play dates and telling secrets to each other. Good friends are kind to each other.



My friends are good and kind. If I do something wrong they will forgive me and help me. They are sweet and funny. Sometimes I can trust them. However, if I cry and feel sad they cheer me up.

Thank you for working so hard Cherry Class and being a wonderful class!

Miss Hughes

News From ... Oak Class

Oak Class took time to reflect upon the importance of Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy.

The children looked at images of what life was like in the trenches for the First World War soldiers in France and learnt about the conditions that soldiers endured during their time on the battle fields. Oak Class also discovered that the soldiers would live in the trenches for months on end, with few home comforts or necessities for daily life.

The children learnt that horses and other animals played a vital part in the war and we discussed stories that have been written, such as War Horse by Micheal Morpurgo, describing events from an animal's point of view.

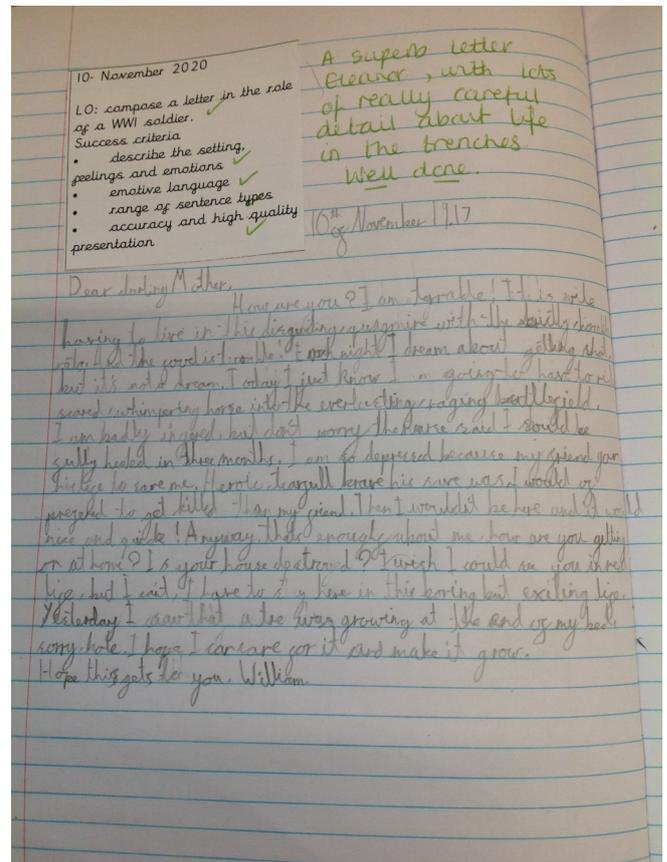
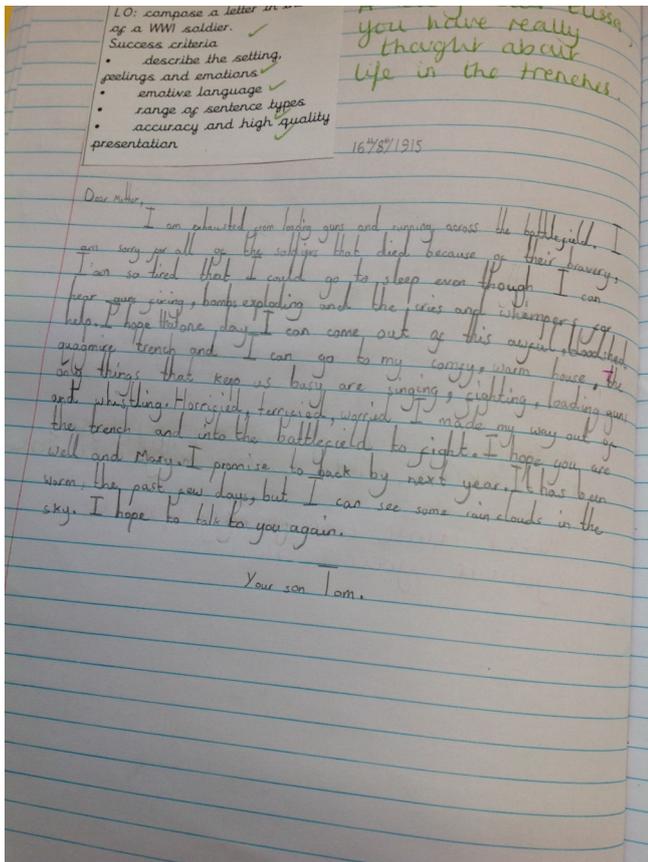
Letters from home were vital to keep up the soldiers morale and the children read examples of letters that were sent home from the soldiers, describing life in the trenches and that battles that took place. Oak Class then composed their own letters in the role of a soldier, demonstrating a deeper understanding of what they had learnt about Remembrance Day.



Above: Oak Class Remembrance Day door decoration

Mrs Worrall, Oak Class Teacher

Below: Letters from Soldiers, composed by Elissa and Eleanor



A big hello from The Friends!

Firstly a **HUGE** thank you for the fantastic response to the **Christmas Card design** orders, we've raised over **£500** which is fantastic!

Obviously Christmas is looking quite different for all of us this year but The Friends are still determined to bring some seasonal joy to you and our fabulous children!

We will be running an **ONLINE RAFFLE** this year, you can pay via PayPal using the same link we used for the Krispy Kreme orders: paypal.me/FriendsofMillfields

Rather than numbers, your name will be put into 'the hat' so you don't need to worry about losing tickets this year either!

£1 a go and you can enter as many times as you like!

Prizes include: a **Luxury Hamper** with loads of special Christmas treats which already looks **AMAZING!** A **Family Hamper**, A **very special teddy** who will be sharing his adventures with you all, and much more!



Thank you for all of the brilliant raffle donations that we have received so far, if you'd like to donate please bring your new items to the school office by **1st December** and leave them in the Christmas box for us to collect in accordance with current restrictions.

We will also be running a **VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE!!!**

Over the weekend of the 12th/13th December, prepare for **INTERACTIVE FUN WITH PRIZES, LOCAL BUSINESSES** bringing you **SPECIAL OFFERS** for **CHRISTMAS GIFTS**, and the all important **RAFFLE DRAW LIVE!** If you are a local business owner, create hand-made gifts, goodies, or treats, the please get in touch to **BOOK YOUR SLOT** to promote your business and make some sales! This will be open to the public and slots are limited so **contact the Friends directly** asap: friends@millfields.worcs.sch.uk

Now, obviously **Father Christmas** is extremely busy and quite behind due to lockdown restrictions, so he can't make his usual visit in person this year, **HOWEVER** he has scheduled us in for a virtual visit so your children won't miss out. His elves will be dropping off a little something for our amazing children too so they won't miss out this year!

To keep costs manageable during this difficult time we are asking for a contribution of £2 per child, or £5 per family towards **Father Christmas** and **access to ALL of the Virtual Christmas activities** on during the fayre (not including raffle tickets, please buy these separately to ensure we receive your entries!)

Millfields Friends Association continued...

We really appreciate your contributions, this year we have been so limited on what we can do, no discos, no bottle or chocolate raffles, no summer fayre, no Christmas fayre, no bake sales! However, we are determined to create an amazing SENSORY ROOM suitable to support ALL of our children during these stressful and strange times.

All monetary donations for the activities and the raffle need to be paid
by the **12th December**.

We are also still taking in **Nativity Costume donations** if you have any, you can contact us via email or via the **EVENTS PAGE** on FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfMillfields/>

Can we also ask a HUGE FAVOUR?! Whenever you shop online, can you possible do it via this link first: easyfundraising.org.uk

Search for: **Millfields Friends Association**

Then shop! It doesn't cost you any extra, you still access your usual shop BUT they pay us a little donation! Companies include Amazon.co.uk, ebay, Tesco and Sainsbury's!

Thanks again for your support, your children really appreciate it. Every penny we raise goes directly towards creating fun experiences for our children which I'm sure you'll agree is needed more than ever at the moment.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

(TOO SOON?!? #SorryNotSorry)

Kelly Hill

Chair of the Friends.



Parking Request

We hate to have to keep on about this, however, we have received a few complaints from members of the public over parking around our school.

One incident occurred in Martin Close. If you are parking your car along this road please be considerate of the residents and their drives. Please also be aware of how you leave your car parked to avoid unnecessary congestion or problems on the footpaths.

Another complaint relates to the use of taxis stopping outside of school causing problems on the road for other vehicles to turn around or get past. We are not aware of which taxi company / companies that come to our school, therefore could we kindly ask that if you use a taxi to drop / collect yourself and your child from school, that you ask them to wait / park courteously on the roads around our schools and not cause congestion.

More recently an incident happened on 20th November, on Swift Close where a parent verbally abused a local resident over a parking incident - **this is not acceptable** and has been referred to the Police.

Please be considerate and kind at all times. Thank you as ever for your co-operation.



Gold Book Award

Each week we celebrate a child from every class who has demonstrated admirable attitude and / or behaviours that promote our school values.

Our school values and attitudes are: Friendship, Kindness, Teamwork, Caring to the Community, Respect, Honesty, Independence, Charity and Helpfulness.

Congratulations to all children in the Gold Book over the last couple of weeks...

Millfields First School Gold Book *Friday 13th November 2020*

Willow: Bella for listening so well this week. Well done Bella.

Acorns H: Olivia M for always having a smile on her face and trying everything at school. Well done Olivia.

Acorns W: Amelia H for doing her best to set a good example to the class and being enthusiastic about every aspect of school. What a superstar!

Holly: Layla for always displaying enthusiasm and eagerness to learn, and always being willing to participate in class discussion.

Maple: Connor for being such a good friend showing care and consideration for others. This a lovely quality to have Connor.

Beech: Elizabeth for her fantastic attitude to learning this week. You have put 100% into every single lesson with a huge smile on your face. What a fantastic role model, keep it up!

Rowan: Billy for his improving confidence and enthusiasm in lessons. It's lovely to see you now taking part in discussions and sharing your ideas with the rest of the class, keep it up!

Cedar: Dexter for a super attitude towards his learning this week, having a big smile on his face and working hard. Keep it up Dexter!

Cherry: Tommy-Lee for a fantastic effort towards his learning. You always work hard, try your best and are ready to learn. You are a pleasure to have in the class.

Hazel: Maggie for working hard in class, persevering with challenges and participating in class discussions even when she's unsure of her answers. Well done for always having a go Maggie, keep it up!

Oak: Theo D for working really hard and for trying his best this week.

Forest School: Katie from Beech Class, for joining in with the activities this week and particularly for helping tidy the site with a litter picker.

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Willow: Louie for great number work. Louie you kept trying and the adults are all very proud of you.

Acorns H: Flynn for always being so polite and a kind and caring friend.

Acorns W: Jenson for always trying his best and never giving up. Well done Jenson!

Holly: Arianna for being such a kind friend and taking care of others when they need looking after.

Maple: Olivia for always trying her very best to complete her work and for having such a positive attitude. Well done Olivia.

Beech: Jacob for his focus and participation in Maths when finding halves of two-digit numbers. You have been able to clearly explain your thinking during our class discussions.

Rowan: Alec for his fantastic attitude to learning! You're trying hard in each and every lesson and always willing to give it a go! Keep it up Alec, I'm so proud of you!

Cedar: Scarlett for always working hard during lessons and being a role model to others. Thank you for always doing the right thing, you are a pleasure to have in the class.

Cherry: Harry J for always having a positive attitude to learning and always trying your best.

Hazel: Isabelle for always working hard across all subjects, using interesting vocabulary, contributing to class discussions and supporting other children within the class. Well done Isabelle!

Oak: Blake C for always trying his best and working hard.

Forest School: Remy from Beech Class, for being thoughtful and helpful without prompting. Thanks Remy



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Recent Communications

We know parents / carers have a lot going on at the moment. From having to manage working from home, knowing what days to send your child to school in their outdoor P.E. kit to having to suddenly know what a 'tri-graph' and a 'phoneme' is to help with your child's home learning!

To help make things a little easier we have listed some important letters / communications that we have sent home recently, via our app, in case you may have missed them.

If relevant to you and your child, you should be able to find them on the app.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.

Date communication sent out	Letter / Message	Title	For who...
6th November 2020	Letter	Important Information 6th November 2020	All
9th November 2020	Letter	Morrisons School Box Delivery Scheme	Free School Meals Children
9th November 2020	Message	Nasal Spray / Flu Vaccination Forms	Reception - Year 4
9th November 2020	Message	Remote Learning Survey	All
10th November 2020	Message	Year 3 Teddy Bear Picture	Year 3 Children
16th November 2020	Letter	Urgent: Please Read	All
16th November 2020	Message	Before and After School Club (Juniper Club)	Juniper Club Children
17th November 2020	Letter	Childcare Bubbles Letter	All
19th November 2020	Letter	Cedar Class Polar Bear Adoption	Cedar Class
19th November 2020	Letter	Cherry Class Panda Bear Adoption	Cherry Class
19th November 2020	Message	Friends Christmas Card Orders	All



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

Term Dates 2020 / 2021

Millfields First School Term Dates for the Academic Year 2020 / 2021

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 2nd September 2020	Friday 23rd October 2020
School Closed: Autumn Half Term	Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020	
Autumn Half Term 2	Tuesday 3rd November 2020	Friday 18th December 2020
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021	
Spring Half Term 1	Monday 4th January 2021	Friday 12th February 2021
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021	
Spring Half Term 2	Tuesday 23rd February 2021	Thursday 1st April 2021
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 5th April 2021 to Friday 16th April 2021	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 19th April 2021	Friday 28th May 2021
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 8th June 2021	Wednesday 21st July 2021

School will be closed on the following days:

Teacher Training Days
Tuesday 1st September 2020
Friday 25th September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Monday 22nd February
Monday 7th June 2021

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 2nd April 2021
May Day: Monday 3rd May 2021