

Friday Round Up – 11th November 2022

Remembrance Parade

This week in school, we have been focusing our assemblies on Remembrance. Many of the classes have run activities to help children understand and appreciate the meaning behind Poppy Day. Reception have painted Poppies in class and Year 5 have produced some wonderful poems. One of these was shared at our special Remembrance Assembly today at 11am.

I am always so proud to see the school come today on this day each year and mark such an important moment. Together we observed 2 minutes of silence as well as special prayers and reflections.

This Sunday is the Remembrance Parade in Godmanchester. The school will be part of this once again and House Captains and Vice Captains have been invite to be part of the wreath laying service at the war memorial. Many children will be in the parade as part of their associations with various scout and guide groups. However, if any of the children would like to be in the parade with their families, then they are welcome to wear their school jumpers to represent St Anne's.

Members of the community aim to gather at the Chinese Bridge at 10.30am with the parade moving away at 10.45am towards the war memorial. There will be a short service at the war memorial at 10.55am.

Odd Socks Day

Monday marks the start of this year's St Anne's Anti Bullying week supported by the Anti Bullying Alliance and the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe learning materials.

To mark this week of action and education we are asking children to wear Odd Socks on Monday to celebrate their individuality. The theme of the week is to highlight that we are all different and that we should celebrate our differences and hide or change them.

All children in KS2 have completed a questionnaire to gather their views on if they feel happy and safe in school and to help inform the staff and Governors at the school of areas of action in the future. This work links to the forthcoming review of the schools Behaviour Policy and Anti Bullying Policy that is taking place this year.

Traveling book fair

The Traveling Book Fair is arriving in school this week. Children will have the chance to visit the fair as part of their guided reading lessons this week. There will also be opportunities for children and the families to view the books on sale on Thursday and Friday after school, 3.30pm – 4pm. All purchases must be made by **Friday 4pm**.

This is a great opportunity to get some Christmas present ideas!

Big Breakfast

We are very excited about the return of Big Breakfast this week on Friday November 18th. The school hall will be open at 8.15am for children and their families to come together and enjoy a free breakfast. Prior to COVID this was a very popular event in the calendar and we are looking forward to seeing the school community join together again.

There is no charge for breakfast, however we will be asking for donations to Children in Need. This year more than ever, there are many children across the country who need extra support. We are proud to be part of this national event and hope that we can raise lots of money for this wonderful cause.

Children in Need

As well as the Big Breakfast event, we are running a non-uniform day on Friday the 18th of November in aid of Children in need. Children can wear what they wish in exchange for a £1 donation to Children in Need. We have heard that some of the children in KS1 want to wear Pajamas! Let's hope the weather is kind!

Head lice

There have been several cases of head lice in various classes within the school this week. Please make sure you have checked your child's hair and treat accordingly. We strongly recommend that this is done regularly. **One treatment is not usually enough** and a second one is often required a short time after the first. You must also ensure that you have used a head lice comb to comb through the hair several times to remove the eggs as well. It is also advised to wash bedding, especially pillows and coats including hats etc.

For more information, please see the NHS website using the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Christmas is coming!

We have produce a simple poster for you to print out and keep at home to remind you of some of the events that the school is organising for the forthcoming Christmas period at St Anne's. The PSFA are also planning events and posters advertising these will be available soon.

A copy of Christmas at St Anne's is attached to this round up.