

15th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week, the children have been working hard here at school and have been coming to see me with some really lovely examples to demonstrate what they have been learning.

We have had a challenging week here with a number of children becoming ill with a sickness bug. I wrote to you all yesterday giving you more details of what we have been doing to combat this. I have been reassured that the number of new cases is reducing and therefore, with the weekend as a 48-hour break, I expect things to be back to normal on Monday. Could I take this opportunity to remind you again about the importance of talking to children about washing their hands and, if children show any signs of vomiting or diarrhoea, to please keep them away from school for 48 hours since the last episode to prevent the spread of germs. We have some children in school with a variety of medical conditions that would become more complicated if they went down with a sickness bug.

I have had a concerned parent come to tell me that their child was given a sweet with nuts in it as part of someone's birthday celebrations. I am sure that you are all aware that we are a nut free school and this could have had very serious consequences for a child with a nut allergy. Before allowing anything from home to be given out as a treat, could you please check carefully for nuts.

Ms Alikhan wished to include this message in this week's newsletter; On Monday morning, we had a wonderful Remembrance Day ceremony led by Year 6 in which all children from Foundation upwards took part. Several parents also joined with us. I was so impressed at how respectful the children were, as every child, including our very youngest, took part in the two-minute silence in order to remember the fallen in war.

My thanks goes to Mrs Jane Clark who had hand made all of the poppies for the children to hold and Faith in Year 4 who so movingly recited the poem which brought tears to many eyes.



Well done Cold Harbour - you certainly played your part in Remembrance Day!

The School Nurse Clinic at school will be on **Tuesday 10th December 2019 from 9.00am to 12.00pm** and each appointment lasts for **30 minutes**, please contact the school office if you wish to book your appointment.

Today we have all been supporting the Children In Need Appeal with a non-uniform day and I am pleased to let you know we have raised a fantastic **£218.47** for this very worthy cause. Once we know how much was raised for the Poppy Appeal we will let you know. Thank you all for your generosity.

As always, please speak to a senior leader if there are any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend

Rob Morley-Smith
Head of School