



Dunster First School- Friday News

Headteacher: Naomi Philp

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Dear parent, carer,

The pupils have spent time this week reflecting on how to take 'Global Responsibility' and have decided we can all do this together by remembering those that have fought for us in wars, and by learning from our history so that we can make a better future together. 'Lest we forget.' The year 4's have written Remembrance poems this week, after studying WW1 poetry. The class poem (written collectively) is published in this letter along with three other poems from individuals. The year 1's prepared our Remembrance assembly and did so well presenting on Friday - a very special morning. We hope you have found our poppies and donation pot in the reception area outside of year 4 classroom.

Year 4 have written more poetry on Friday working with Plymouth University. They headed off up to Grabbist Hill for their workshop and their poems have been inspired by the local landscape. We intend to publish some of these in the next letter and to send some to the Exmoor Society, who have recently very kindly made a donation which has supported our Forest Schools curriculum.

The student parliament elections have begun this week and soon we will have our own mini government supporting the direction of development of our wonderful school. This supports our British Values curriculum by valuing 'law and democracy' with a real vote with real responsibilities!

Thank you so much for the toys for the advent fair, please keep these coming- we need lots and have made more room for storing them! Our advent fair year 4 led games start next week too!

As you will be aware, we are getting a very exciting visit from Pudsey himself on Tuesday 14th, accompanied by Clare Carter and large wellington boots! We have made this day a 'Children in Need' themed mufti, from spots, to yellow, to bear ears (and of course straight forward mufti also is just fine).

On Friday 17th is our mufti for our Advent Fair: no particular theme, but we do ask in return for the joys of not wearing uniform that a jar/ tin/ bottle is brought in stuffed full of goodies for the advent fair.

Next Friday 17th is also our first Community Awards Assembly and we invite you to join us to celebrate with our award winners. The assembly will start at 9:15am, refreshments in the hall from 9am for parents/carers/grandparents. We do not mind if you want to come to every Award Assembly or if you want to target those where your child is receiving an award. Therefore, we are going to try to be really organised and pop a note to you on a Wednesday if your child is getting an award on the Friday, so you have a little time to get organised to be able to attend. On this morning, the Tithe Barn will be opening up their car park from 8:30-10:30am for parents who are attending the assembly to use.

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Please make sure we respect this privilege, as this is a private business which means their staff are going out of their way to open up for us.

Thank you so much for your support of our lovely school, all our events and fund raising, we appreciate that sometimes by doing what we think are 'nice, fun things' we can cause additional pressures at home. We hope you think it is worth it in the end; I can assure you, we can certainly see how much the children enjoy all these wonderful enrichment activities.

Have a great weekend,



Mrs Naomi Philp

Head teacher

WEEKLY NOTICES:

Safeguarding/ Safety Notices:

- Please be reminded to use the Steep Car Park and the Castle car park as frequently as you are able, this avoids congestion around the narrow roads near our school. Also, we know driving can cause for us to get more angry than we would usually, but please try to remain calm and considerate; we won't let any child leave the premises until you get here so there is no real panic. Thank you.
- Please do not park across the Tithe Barn entrance, in their car park (unless we have specifically said it is open to us for an event) or use the allotments. Thank you.
- The designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Naomi Philp, supported by Louise Collins and Kate McEntee, please report any concerns straight to us. Thank you.

Other notices:

- **Children in Need 14.11.17** – a reminder that we will be getting a visit from Pudsey Bear and BBC Radio Somerset on Tuesday 14th November. For a small donation to Children in Need, which they can bring with them on the day, children are invited to wear their own clothes, which can have a Children in Need theme if they wish. Pudsey has also left a pair of his wellies in the Y4 lobby and has challenged us to fill them with loose change.
- **Advent Fair Mufti 17.11.17** – another no uniform day is being held on Friday 17th November and all donations of bottles, jars and tins will be gratefully received for the Advent Fair. Please also look out for the Advent Fair Newsletter that has gone out in book bags today.
- **Award Assembly Friday 17th at 9:15am** - open to parents/ carers, grandparents too! Refreshments available in our hall from 9am. Tithe Barn car park open to parents attending from 8:30-10:30am.
- **November and December Fridge Calendars** are included this week, lovely artwork from Matthew Sherrin and River Reeves.

By Year 4 collaboratively:

Dear Mum and Dad,
Called up to war, heroes young, heroes old,
How long is war?
Strong, brave, confident soldiers march on,
Courageously these soldiers fight on.
Trees are burnt and dying, cuts as deep as trenches.
The green toxic sea of gas lands in the trenches,
People gradually die, but more keep on coming,
Cries of anger and pain.
Guns banging, hits the men, hits friends.
Tragedy rolls over the trenches.
Touch the soldier to see if he is alive,
Blood coming from his lungs, the poisonous gas.
What a long war, old as time tells.
Rain fall, flooded the trenches, raining bullets, clambering hell
Even though most men are gone, I still battle on.
Hot smokey grass, sweat in my mouth.
Over the top, bullets fly past as we run
I don't want to die, I want to go home in one piece.
Can't you see the poppies, growing, before your eyes, don't you know it.

Remember please

Hope for life

By Ben and Mathew

The fear of friends about to die.
Bang of guns and fizzing of flares.
Flashing and friends falling,
Smoke and blood in the air.
Squelch of mud beneath my feet,
My country will be victorious.
I hope this will end.

By Erin

The grime of the awful, dreadful trenches,
Yells from innocent soldiers drowning in seas of green.
Dead bodies scrawled along the field.
The beastly food from dinner last night,
The slimy sticky sludge below my boots.
I think about my family, hoping they're safe as possible.
The war will end, every day and night I think about that.
Remember them.

By Kate

It is the time for war,
There is no mercy
The bomb shells blowing apart
There is no mercy
Move quick! Else all shall be gone
Be glad, be glad, be glad
The war is won.