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# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November - 10.00

**PANDA PARENTS GROUP**

**Invitation only**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE  
FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
FOR THE SPRING TERM**

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**SPRING HALF TERM - No School**

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE  
FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**BANK HOLIDAY - NO  
SCHOOL**

31<sup>st</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**SUMMER HALF TERM - No  
School**

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**END OF ACADEMIC YEAR -  
EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

## **A Message from Sandy**

Without history, there is no future; a statement that is especially poignant at this time of year.

I was working at the primary school on Armistice Day and together with the rest of the nation, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we joined in two minutes silence to mark the Armistice agreement to end the fighting of the First World War and to remember all those men and women who sacrificed their lives for us.

Just imagine how people must have felt at this time, the mix of emotions is difficult for us to completely understand.

A very moving moment, especially as this year we remembered not only those in the forces, but all those who serve - nurses, doctors, police - imagine life without them.

It is not often you hear the school in silence, but silent it was. For some of our young pupils, it must have been so hard to do this, but they did.

Lest we forget.

*Sandy*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

At the [primary school](#) this week, our focus has been on our Link Priority No 14 - Emotional Development - Theory of Mind - being able to know and understand situations from the perspective of others. We discussed kindness and appreciating what others do for us.



Sue Denman organised a lovely remembrance activity where everyone had the opportunity to place their poppy on a display as a mark of respect



Beech Class recreated Flander's Field and the display in the atrium

has been admired by local residents, when it shines out brightly when it is illuminated by the school lights at dusk.



Hazel Class discussed the origins of the poppy and the poem 'Flander's Field'. They too recreated their own version of the barren battlefield, where for a long time only poppies grew.



During circle time in Maple Class each child was given a paper poppy with folded petals and they sang a rhyme about poppies; they then each put their poppy in water and sang again about poppies and peace, the paper absorbed the water and the folded poppy petals opened up.



Pine Class made their own poppies which they wore with pride. Archie asked to join Sue R, Kathy, Manny (OHCAT IT) and Judy during the two minute silence.

Thank you all for your support for donating towards our Poppy Appeal.

We have raised £65.23 which will be sent to The Royal British Legion to help support our Armed Forces, both past and present.

At the [secondary school](#) Johnson Class are working really hard on their enterprise scheme. Their business acumen and market research showed that the things that everyone needs at present are masks and sanitisers.



The 'Covid Kits' they have produced are so well made. A zipped pouch similar to a make-up bag, beautifully monogrammed, holds a mask and a tube of sanitizer. So handy to carry around. Costing £8 each, they can make a wonderful Christmas gift.

If you would like to place an order for a Covid Kit or a mask (£3.50) please let Karen or Natalie in the secondary school office know.

Those treated to Hot Chocolate Friday this week are:



Juwon - for being such a kind student. He is always happy and cheerful around school saying hello to everyone he sees. A ray of sunshine!

Rishiban for the values of success and resilience. He has completed 2 excellent pieces of work in Science by himself and answered many questions well. He makes his teachers proud.

Karen H has been nominated lots. For her resilience and calmness when there is so much to do in the office. She gives her attention to staff and students whenever they need it.

Johanna for kindness and success. An amazing person who quietly and calmly gets on with their work but makes such a difference to the smooth running of the day for our young people. Her kindness is contagious.

Huge congratulations to Alfie, who celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on 7<sup>th</sup> November.



Alfie is well known to many of us, as he joined The Link at the age of 6 in 2008.

It is wonderful to see how he matured into such a fine young man. Happy Birthday Alfie from everyone at The Link Schools.

## AND FINALLY.....

Many of you within The Link community will be celebrating Diwali this weekend.

The Festival of Light.



Willow Class have made their own rangoli to share with you all.



We wish you a wonderful time, even though celebrations will be more subdued this year.