

**8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

Dear Parents &amp; Carers

Welcome back after the half term break. At this time of year the governors are looking at the term dates for the year 2019/20, should you have any views about the two week half term we have just had, please use the space below to express them prior to a decision being made about next year.

**World War I Armistice Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

To mark the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War, the pupils will be holding a series of events over the week. Pupils have been making a poppy in their classrooms and these will be displayed either outside on the bank on the school field or most probably in the Drama Room due to the impending weather.

Pupils will march from their classrooms to the poppies whilst singing “It’s a long way to Tipperary”. We are hoping to have a visitor from the Royal British Legion and we will be holding a minute’s silence at 11:00am.

At 2:15pm we will be joined by the author, Dan Metcalf, to hear extracts from his book, Paw Prints in the Somme, which is about a cat from Devon taken to the trenches. At **2:45pm** the gates will be opened and parents can collect their children from the classroom door to spend time looking at the poppy display or purchasing one of Dan Metcalf’s books.

**Mrs May’s visit to Kenya**

A HUGE thank you to all the many parents who donated toys to Miss May’s trip to Kenya this summer. Miss May spent 2 weeks in a school in Kenya and said the children loved the toys.

**Incident between 2 cars outside the pupil entrance on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

I have been contacted and asked if any parent observed an incident between 2 cars at the end of the school day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, the very windy last day of term.

If you did witness anything and you are happy to be contacted then please call the school on 365297.

**Children in Need Day  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

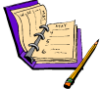
The school council would like to support this national charity but do understand that we have asked for lots of money recently. So to keep the cost down, we are asking children to come to school in either a onesie or their pyjamas for a silver coined donation for this charity. As usual there will be Children in Need merchandise to purchase at the school reception area if you wish, such as Pudsey ear headbands, wristbands and keyrings.

**Attendance**

Please be aware that holidays during term time have a serious impact on children’s education - whole areas of learning, key events and important assessments are often missed. Children may fall behind as a result of poor attendance. Please consider this carefully when planning holidays.

Due to an increase in unauthorised holidays being taken, we are having to consider referring some cases to the Education Welfare Officer.





**Term Dates for 2018-19**

- December 20 - Break up for the Christmas holidays
- January 7 - Start of Spring Term
- February 18 – 22 - Half Term
- February 25 - Return to School
- April 9 - Break up for the Easter holidays
- April 24 - Start of Summer Term
- May 6 - May Day Bank Holiday
- May 27 – 31 - Half Term
- June 3 - Return to School
- July 24 - Break up for summer

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Head Teacher (08.11.18)



After reading the recent newsletter, I would like to make the following comment:-

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Signed:.....Parent of:..... Child's Class:.....