

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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Remembrance

At this time of year, we normally gather together as a school to commemorate all who sacrificed so much in the service of their country. Unfortunately COVID-19 has put a stop to many local Remembrance events. In school last week we remembered those serving in the British Armed Forces and the immeasurable sacrifices made by many who fought through a virtual service led by the vicar and curate. This was shared with the children followed by two minutes silence. Revd Lisa's message to the children was to spend the rest of the week thanking all those people who help us in our daily lives.



Poppy Appeal

Like so many things this year, the Poppy Appeal has had to adapt too. They have called on the public to support them like never before from donating for poppies through the post, displaying a poppy in your window, donating online or undertaking a virtual Poppy run. Sofia Plail in Year 5 was really keen to support the Poppy Appeal from home in line with Covid-19 re-

strictions so she set up a running challenge and ran 1km everyday for 11 days with the initial thoughts of raising £500. However she actually raised an astonishing £1,214. We would like to congratulate Sofia for raising this amazing amount of money and thank her for her dedication and kindness.

Looking forward to spring.....

On Friday the children ventured outside in their bubbles and successfully planted spring bulbs on the school field as part of the FOCSS fundraising event. There was much excitement and enthusiasm as each class dug holes and covered every bulb with care. We are all now looking forward to watching the bulbs grow and create an amazing display during the Spring months. We would like to thank Harriet Breslin for organising and leading this event, Jo Manser for donating most of the bulbs and everyone who helped to support FOCSS in fundraising for our school. **We have raised a magnificent £455.**

Parable of the Sower

Since the beginning of term we have been thinking about a bible story related to our school vision, which will become a theme running through many different aspects of our school life - The Parable of the Sower. The parables that Jesus told are tales about simple, common subjects to illustrate a deeper, valuable moral lesson. The Parable of the Sower illustrates this very well. We shared this parable with all the children in the first week of November, with many different activities tai-

lored for each class. Each class shared the activities they completed as part of our sharing worship on Zoom last Friday. Here are a few of the activities that were shared; planting seeds for Spring, using the parable to write a new parable based on its meaning, drama activities, re-telling the story through art and crafts and creating seed hearts to reflect that God has given us the seeds of knowledge and we are ready to grow.

Update on COVID19

Thank you for continuing to wear a face mask on the school site. Although somewhat stabilising, it looks as if the higher infection rate will continue to lead to more families in our community being affected. We do have a number of families currently self-isolating because other members of their family have tested positive. The procedure is that in the event of a pupil having symptoms and testing positive, then the school will inform you immediately. We will take advice from PHE who will advise us what action to take. This could be that a few children are asked to self-isolate or perhaps a whole class/bubble. Every case is considered individually. We now have remote learning set up and we will endeavour to provide the best possible learning experience to those children who have to self-isolate.

As the weather turns colder this week, please ensure children are suitably dressed for both a colder classroom and playground.

Enjoy the rest of the week.