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*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 6th November 2020 Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

**Preparing for Remembrance Day** All our classes have worked hard this week to explore and understand why we wear poppies and what we remember each year on Remembrance Sunday. We have made our own poppy wreaths and given thanks for our Armed Forces and Military families. Each year, we normally attend a special service in Ripon Cathedral with our KS2 Service pupils. This year the Annual Remembrance Service for Service Pupils has been recorded virtually and classes watched it today. You can watch it on this link: <http://www.servicepupilschampion.co.uk/Remembrance/>

Our school were invited to sing the opening hymn and towards the end of the recording (50 mins in) each child in our school appears with their 'Heroes' art work. Pictured below are children from Class 1 with their Poppy Display.



Well done to Emma who played 'The Last Post' for us on her flute for our Acts of Remembrance. Next week on 11.11.20 at 11am we are delighted that Abigail and Tom's Mum will play 'The Last Post' for us all on her cornet on the school field to help us to observe our 2 minute silence.

### **Special Mentions this week from Class 1**

Mrs Reynolds says: 'What a busy week for Class 1! Well done for working so hard and trying your best in all of the lessons. In Maths we have been solving number problems-you were all so enthusiastic when solving tricky problems. Class 1 have also produced some amazing art work this week. We have been thinking about Remembrance Day and designed and painted our own poppy to create a beautiful display in our classroom. In History we have looked at how we celebrate Bonfire Night and how to keep our selves safe. In our Computer work we used 2 Simple Paint to design our own firework pictures.

**Star of the Week is Rigo** for being very kind and thoughtful.

**Special Mentions this week are for Maisie, Kitt, Henry and Edward** for super firework pictures. **For Aurora and Islay** for excellent Maths work. **For William M, Edward and Caeden** for making thoughtful contributions during our Remembrance discussions.

We wish **Islay** and her family the very best for their move and for an excellent half term with us.



Class 1 design their poppies.

### **Special Mentions this week from Class 2**

Mrs Smith says: 'In Maths this week, we have focused on part-whole models, number bonds and related facts. In English, we have been writing firework poems. We have enjoyed playing instruments in Music and we have worked hard to recall their names. We enjoyed making our Poppy Wreath.

**Star of the Week is Darci** for being kind and helpful.

**Special Mentions this week are for Imogen and Bertie** for excellent Maths work. **For Harley** for being a great friend. **For Sophie** for excellent dodging skills in PE.

**A Special Mention for Arthur** for an excellent half term at Bolton-on-Swale and good wishes for his move.

Pictured below are Class 2 in their Music lesson exploring different instruments.



### Special Mentions this week from Class 3

Mrs Jones says: 'Firstly, I must say a very big thank you for the excellent homework which involved planning and constructing your Tudor house models. Mrs Brooks and I are very impressed with the attention to detail and high standard of work. Well done everyone! Great teamwork! See below for pictures.

**Special mentions this week are for: Ruby** for good work in French when writing and spelling colours; **Patrick** who worked hard on noun/adjective agreement in French; **Darcie** for showing resilience in Maths when Bonfire Night problem solving; **Sophia** for a very good Kenning Poem based on research about Henry VIII; **Sophie S** for reading beautifully in our open-air worship; **Tate and Archie T** for confident coding, and controlling variables in Computing; **Lucas** for reflective thinking in our discussion about Guy Fawkes.



### Special Mentions this week from Class 4

Mr Ramsbottom says: 'This week Class 4 have identified equivalent fractions and used multiplication and division facts to simplify fractions; taken part in UK Parliament week- where we have discussed what democracy means and started a campaign of our own; discussed the importance of Remembrance Day and how WWI and WWII shaped modern history; looked at figurative language (idioms) in English and practised our Hockey skills in P.E.

**Special Mentions this week are for: James** for excellent knowledge of WWI and WWII; **Harry** for a great understanding of Remembrance Day and the significance of it in British History; **Sam** for a fantastic understanding of idioms and why we use them in our writing; **Isla** for marvellous Maths- excellent recall of multiplication and division facts to simplify fractions; **Aila** for brilliant hockey skills in P.E; **Alicia, Freddy, and Lily** for superb independent research on Mother Teresa.

Pictured below: **UK Parliament Week discussion and democratic debate. We also went on a virtual tour of The Houses of Parliament- specially booked for us!**



**Creative Collective Worship** Class 3 enjoyed one of their Class Collective Worship sessions outside in the school grounds this week.



**Scholastic Book Fair and ordering of books with the catalogue and form sent home**

From Friday 6th November till Friday 13th November the Book Fair will be in school. Mrs Newton has sent an email explaining in detail how this is planned to happen safely this year. Books arrive at school already sanitised. No parents can come into school to view or purchase the books. Book orders can be made using the catalogue sent home. Please return the order form to school and pay either online or by cheque/cash in an envelope. Children will not touch the books. Books which have been ordered will be sent home with your child. The recommended safe quarantine time for books is 24 hours. This is what currently happens to all your children's reading books and library books in school. **Please order your books by next Wednesday 11th November. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair-commission from the purchase of books comes to school and is used to restock our class libraries.**

**Children in Need 2020 Friday 13th November** School Council have organised a non-uniform day. Please donate £1 to wear your own clothes and raise money for this important charity.



**Friends of the School AGM by Zoom on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm**

Friends of the School are keen that you join them for their AGM. Please email Jill Crosbie, Secretary on [jillcrosbie206@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillcrosbie206@hotmail.co.uk) for a Zoom link. Everyone is welcome.

Please see attached a nomination form to complete if you would like to be part of the Committee. Charlie Land, the current Chair has given her email if you would like to discuss anything. I am happy to give advice too. **Friends of the School are a huge support to our school community, financially and socially. In recent years they have funded the outdoor classroom in Class 1, a new set of school laptops and the redeveloped Pond and Peace Garden area.** Please do consider joining the Committee—everyone works together and responsibility is shared. FoS are also seeking volunteers for Class or Year Group reps to help to communicate with other parents.

**School Tea Towels-'An ideal Christmas gift and wonderful keepsake'**

The school tea towel features self-portraits of all our children in school. Information and an order form for these was sent this week by email and in book bags. **Thank you to Friends of School for organising this fundraiser. The deadline for return of forms to school is Wednesday 25th November.**

**Diary Dates for the term** Normally we send these to you in the first week or two of term to allow you to get important dates in your diaries. At the moment we are working hard to keep everything in school as normal and as safe as possible. Our children are experiencing a full and rich curriculum offer in school. As and when we are able to plan and do more we will keep you well informed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my very best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

**THE FRIENDS OF BOLTON -ON- SWALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**A Zoom meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30 pm**

The Friends of Bolton on Swale Primary School is managed by a Committee made up of volunteers/staff who are elected annually. All positions are open for election and a full job description can be requested by email. The roles vary and at present are Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and General Committee Members. Please contact Charlie Land, Chairperson on [Charlie@totemtipi.co.uk](mailto:Charlie@totemtipi.co.uk) if you have any queries.

This year the AGM will be held as a Zoom meeting, if you wish to attend please email Jill Crosbie, Secretary on [jill-crosbie206@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jill-crosbie206@hotmail.co.uk) by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

If you would like to be involved in the running of the committee please complete and return to school the nomination section of this letter, by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Once we have reached the closing date nominations will be put to the vote at the AGM and positions will be appointed. Candidates must be present at the Zoom meeting.

You may also wish to help the committee by volunteering your time during an event or becoming a Class Representative. All volunteers are welcome, your name can be added to our contact list.

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**Please complete and return this section of the form in a sealed envelope to the school office by 05.11.20, marked for the attention of Chair of Friends**

**The Friends of Bolton on Swale Primary School Committee Nomination Form AGM 2020**

**Positions for Nomination are: Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Member (at least 3 but more are welcome)**

Name	
Position	
Name of your Proposer	
Name of your Seconder	