



LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CEP SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSBRIEF

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Friday Celebration Assembly Headteacher Award
Gold stickers presented by Class Teachers to the following children:

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Christian Strydom
Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Ollie Gilbert
Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Rory Edwards
Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Maxine Brown
Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Edie Thompson
Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Rufus Ridsdale
Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Tom McKnight

PARENT GOVERNORS

The term of office for our two amazing Parent Governors has sadly ended and we need to recruit two new Parent Governors.

Please read the letter sent to every family today if you are interested in this role.

Please be assured that this role is a strategic role and does not involve any hands on or day to day running responsibility or involvement in the school.

ROTARY BOXES

Many thanks to those of you who have sent items in for our Christmas Gift Boxes to Eastern Europe. We still need lots more items, as outlined in the newsletter before half term break, plus as many £2 coins as people can spare to contribute to the transport costs of the boxes by The Rotary Club.

PTA QUIZ

A lovely lady from our village, Carol Foreman, has kindly agreed to host a virtual pub quiz for the school next Friday 13th November.

The family friendly quiz will take place virtually next Friday 13th November from 7pm. £5 per team / household.

More details to follow on the PTA fb page so put the date in your diary and we hope to see you there!

CHANGE OF PE DAY NEXT WEEK - Y3 & Y4

Next week Y3 & Y4 will be doing PE on Friday instead of Thursday. Please make sure that PE kit is worn on the correct day next week. Many thanks and we apologise for this change due to an unavoidable timetable clash.

SMARTIE FUNDRAISING MONEY

Thank you to everyone who, having enjoyed their box of Smarties or packet of Haribo from the PTA before half term break has returned their fundraising earnings to school this week. Everyone did so many helpful and creative jobs over the holiday and we will continue to collect your donations next week before counting the final total. Here is Harrington doing his chores😊



STEM FEST FOR FAMILIES

This annual celebration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) is going virtual for the first time ever this year!

Families can access the activities free and include fun workshops with video instructions and worksheets such as Edible Geology, Journey to Mars, Sound Engineering with the Institute of Acoustics and the Maths of Carpentry. You can also play Desert Island Risk, which involves watching a selection of STEM professionals describing their skills and the equipment they use to help them do their jobs before deciding who would be most useful on a desert island and why!

Free log in for the events can be found on the attachment sent with today's News Brief.

Today you will also receive via ParentMail:

- Every Family ~ STEM FEST information poster
- Every Family ~ Admission to Primary School for Pre-School children September 2021
- Every Family ~ Parent Governor Letter

REMEMBRANCE

Please remember that this Sunday, 8th November is 'Remembrance Sunday'. Try to plan a minute silence with your family at 11am to show respect for all those who have died in conflict and wars. We will mark the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month next Wednesday with our traditional 'Remembrance silence'.

The children usually come into the hall and make a 'circle of peace' around the hall as we observe a minute silence, the ringing of our school bell 11 times and 'The Last Post'.

This year we will be observing the silence in a Covid safe way in the playground. Please ensure that your child has a poppy to wear.



The Armistice that ended the First World War (the Great War) took effect at 11 o'clock on 11th November, the 11th month, 1918. Eight months later there was a Peace Day march through London, for which a temporary wooden structure - a cenotaph or "empty tomb", identical to the present day Cenotaph was erected in Whitehall.

The world's very first Remembrance Day was, held in November 1921, three years after the end of World War I in which it is estimated that between twenty and forty million people died. The occasion has been remembered annually every year since and is now used to mourn the dead from the Second World War and other Conflicts too.

***When you go home, tell them of us and say
For their tomorrow, we gave our today***

The poppy was chosen as a symbol because Flanders in Belgium saw some of the most intense fighting in WW1. It was transformed, between 1914 and 1918 from one of the loveliest areas of Northern Europe into a scene of devastation, mud and graves of men who gave their lives to the war. However, in the midst of the atrocities, every year and without fail, the poppies would bloom on the battlefields and became adopted, as a sign of life and hope for those fighting.

'We will remember them'



A Canadian doctor called John McCrae, who witnessed much of the fighting in WW1 first hand, penned a poem on this contrast between the scenes of dead and dying and the presence of this blood-red flower. *In Flanders Fields* became symbolic of the war.

***In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our place; and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing, fly
scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
we shall not sleep, though poppies
grow In Flanders fields.***

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week Mrs Bromley will be selling Remembrance items on behalf of The British Legion at morning drop off and afternoon pickup.

Poppies-Coin donation

Wrist bands - £1

Ruler Wrist Bands - £1.50

Poppy Zip Tags - 50p

Red plastic poppy clips -50p