

# A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 12th November 2021



Dear Parents,

Another week flown by and now that the evenings are drawing in it feels like Christmas is just around the corner. However, there will still be plenty of learning and fun days left for our children to enjoy during the forthcoming weeks.

First of all, yesterday the whole school took part in two minute silence to commemorate Armistice Day. The day commemorates the armistice signed between the Allies and Germany to mark the end of the First World War. The silence is held then because the end of hostilities was declared "on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month". On that day we also remember all the brave men and women who gave their lives in military conflicts. I would also like to say thank you very much for your kind donations towards our Poppy Appeal – it is very much appreciated.

Today some of you took part in our E-safety talk for parents. I am sure you agree with me that safeguarding our pupils against any possible dangers associated with modern technology is particularly important. While the internet is a great way for children to stay in touch with their friends, it can also bring significant risks. Now, more than ever, it is so important to talk to your child about staying safe online and about the apps and sites that they are using. I am going to put additional E-safety information for parents on our website shortly. Many thanks to those of you, who were able to attend this very important presentation.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA, who agreed to fund an afternoon of magical fun for the children on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Watch this space – I will let you know closer to the time what it will involve. Children in Year 4 are busy practising for their yearly Christmas performance. We try to alternate between a traditional nativity play and pantomime and this year our pupils will be performing a pantomime. I am looking forward to some 'live' performances (COVID-19 and risk assessment permitting).

Our Year 6 pupils took part in a basketball competition in Amersham School and one of our teams achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place. However, I would like to say huge congratulations to all the teams that took part – you all represented the school absolutely brilliantly and I am so very proud of you. Well done!

This week, we had our annual open morning for our prospective Year 3 parents and I cannot begin to tell you how many positive comments we had back. First of all our 'tour guides' did a fantastic job showing parents around – well done Year 6 pupils. Parents commented how proud the children were of their school and how courteous and polite they were. They also commented on the engagement of children in their learning as well as the calm and productive atmosphere within the school. Thank you to all the children as all of them represented the school brilliantly.

Next week is Anti-bullying week. As a school, we will be engaging children in activities relating to combating bullying. This year's theme is 'One Kind Word' - a positive reminder that Anti-Bullying Week should be all about hope, kindness and the many constructive things we can do to call out bullying when we see it and stop it in its tracks. I would like Monday 15th November to be an **Odd Sock Day**. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! For this day only, we are encouraging children to wear odd socks! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive socks. All the children have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school. Thank you for your support. Please continue to support the school in combating all prejudice bullying. Talk to your children on a regular basis and encourage them to speak out if they are bullied at school, outside school or online. This is so important.

I sincerely hope that you have a lovely and restful weekend. Hope that the weather will hold.

With warmest wishes

Dorota Milner

Head teacher



Cedar



Elm



Maple



Willow

## A few additional words

Don't miss **Climate Action Day in Amersham** - please click [here](#) for further information

### Children in Need School Sale

The Children in Need School sale, run by the School Council, will be on Friday 19th November. **Please can you donate used toys and books and also buy a small item of stationery to donate to the sale.** All donations are welcome any time. Thank you in advance from Mrs Carver and Mr Ahmed.

### Vacancy for Midday Supervisor

Following the retirement of Mrs Mulqueen, we have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor working with our children during lunchtimes. It is a hugely rewarding role so if you are interested, please click [here](#) for a full job description and application form. The deadline for applications is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Lastly thank you everybody for your fantastic contribution to **Bags 2 School**. We are very pleased to have raised **£105.00**

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
15.11.21	Odd socks day
17.11.21	Yr 6 trip to Natural History Museum
19.11.21	Children In Need school sale
24.11.21	Year 5 swimming lesson will be focused on life saving
08.12.21	Chartwells Christmas lunch click <a href="#">here</a> for menu and book via ParentPay
9.12.21	Year 4 Christmas play
10.12.21	Christmas jumper day & PTA parent gift wrapping & afterschool tea, cake and choir
14.12.21	Mr Marvel event
16.12.21	Whole school carol concert at a local church

## Upcoming term dates

Friday 17th December: break up: at 1.30 pm

Wednesday 5th January: back to school