# Upham CE (Aided) Primary School

**Friday 06 November**



Y5&6 Y3&4 Y1&2 YR



Photo: Hedgehogs children carefully conducting field work


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## Dates for your Diary:

**Wed 11 Nov –** Remembrance 11am Silence
**Sat 5 Dec –** FUS Christmas Fair 2-4pm
**Wed 9 Dec –** Hedgehogs Listen2Me concert
**Wed 16 Dec –** Christmas Productions Day
**Fri 18 Dec –** 2pm Christmas Carol Service at Blessed Mary Church
**21/12 – 1/1 Christmas Holidays**
**Mon 4th Jan -** INSET Closure Day

**INSET Days left for 26/27**
- **Mon 4 Jan**
- **Mon 22 Feb**

## *Communications this week:*

- ***Weds** – Deadline to order photos for free delivery to school is 16/11*

Dormice children were very excited to see the new outside area to their classroom which was redeveloped over half term (picture below), which I have been planning with Governors for some time. The bank has been terraced and with new surfacing throughout it immediately feels bigger with more space for different play experiences. The wall has also been removed so that play opportunities can drift across towards Squirrel's class. There is no fence on the playground side which will have a moveable fence soon. If you would like to have a better look for yourself, once you've collected your child on the playground at hometime on Monday, wander over and have a look!






### Remembrance Shop

From Monday, children from Badgers class will be running a Remembrance shop. If children would like to bring in some money they are welcome, and at playtime can visit the shop. Though any donations are welcome we set prices as that's easier for children to work out. The friendship bracelets are always popular so they will be limited to one per child. Children are welcome to wear poppies/ badges.

### Autumn Walk



Badgers and Dormice children enjoyed their Autumn walk around the village this week. They were rather shocked by the amount of litter on one path so stopped to do something about it and tidy it up – showing care for the environment.

### Would you like to join us for Remembrance

You are very welcome to join us for our Remembrance Collective Worship on Armistice Day (Weds 11th) next week, where we will mark the 11am silence together in school. It will start at 10.45am so please arrive shortly before this. If you would like to attend, please drop us an email just so we know how many chairs to organise.

### Geography Trip for Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs Class had an exciting start to the term, which has set up excitement and interest in their Geography lead topic – 'Mountain High, River Deep'. On Tuesday they had a workshop with a leader from Wessex Rivers Trust who talked to them about the geography of rivers and the biodiversity along it. On Wednesday, they then went on a trip to the source of the River Meon near Droxford. They were shown a safe place by the Wessex Rivers Trust staff to enter the river (stream might be a more accurate term) to take measurements and look for signs of the food chain. They all enjoyed this valuable geographic field work.

