Upham CE (Aided) Primary School

Friday 13 November





Y5&6 Y3&4 Y1&2 YR

Photo: Badgers Children running the 'Poppy Shop' at playtime

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Dates for your Diary:

Fri 27 Nov – Dress Down Day for FUS Christmas Fair – bring a donation for a stall
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 –*** *FUS Christmas bookings via Arbor*

We marked Armistice Day on Wednesday within collective worship around the 11am silence. Children all observed the silence perfectly; recognising the special and solemn atmosphere. Children brought a small paper poppy with them, they had chosen whether to write a prayer on it, a thought or just keep it blank – it was entirely up to them how to engage (which is how all moments involving prayer are in school). I got them to hold and touch their poppy whilst I said the following prayer:

Dear Lord,
The poppy is bright and colourful – we thankyou for the joy of all the lives of those who have made sacrifices in the past.
The petals are red – which is a colour for danger. We think about service personnel now and people around the world who continue to put themselves in danger.
The poppy is delicate – please help those people in pain and suffering now.
The centre of the poppy is the key – please keep peace central to everything we do and help us to do all we can to preserve it.
Amen

Monday – Wear Odd Socks?!

Next week is National Anti-Bullying week so we will be exploring this theme all week in collective worship. Monday is known as 'odd sock day', an initiative where children are encouraged to wear odd socks. I'd like children to join in, if they would like, as I intend to use this on Monday to talk about what it means to be unique and different but still broadly the same. No money, this is just about the experience – and hopefully some fun along the way. The odder the socks, the better!

Please Don't leave cars

We had a bit of an odd traffic issue this morning which was made worse where a few parents parked cars in stationary queues in the road, to walk children into school. Whilst I appreciate the efforts to get children into school punctually, please do not leave cars, it just clogs things up further and for those behind you.

Children in Need

We raised £166 for Children in Need today, thanks for the donations.



FUS Events to book on Arbor

Some upcoming FUS events can be booked / paid for on Arbor – an email was sent on Wednesday explaining. Look for:
- Santa's Grotto booking for the Christmas Fair
- Christmas Raffle Tickets to buy

FUS will be using Arbor for the majority of payments going forward which should make everyone's lives much easier – no trying to find change on a deadline day!

FUS would also welcome donations of things for the Christmas Fair such as raffle prizes. We will also be holding another dress-down day (could wear a Onesie/ PJs) on 27th Nov where we ask if children would like to wear their own clothes, they bring a donation of chocolate, drinks, toys, books or parent presents – more details in next week's Newsletter.