



Dear Families

This week in school our Robins have looked at Julia Donaldson's text 'Room on a Broom' and set up their own magic shop whilst our Woodpeckers have been busy exploring subtraction and learning their nativity songs. In our Kingfisher class the children have compiled their Stone Age poems into a class anthology and our Owls have written their own war poems; some of which were read out as part of our Remembrance gathering this morning.

<p>WW1</p> <p>Regimented rows of white crosses now stand, Where a wide sea of red stood before me. We rustled through the sludge, The wind blew; we launched on. The silent battle field; the smell of gas...</p> <p>"Gas! Quick boys! – a catastrophe!" Fitting on the tight masks, All looking round, but ... One man who had not. The screeching sound like a man on fire.</p> <p>Staring through the misty panes. He was guttering, choking, dying ... The blood-stained smell on the floor.</p> <p>War goes on...</p> <p>By Alfie</p>	<p>Remember</p> <p>Bent down, like old men, we cursed through thick mud Shaking, shivering, hacking like hags The wailing bombs whistled through the air until 'BANG!' Another man down, then another Shells surge from the enemy lines and kill.</p> <p>'Gas!' 'Gas!' shouted someone from the front lines Fumbling with masks, time running out, gas gaining But someone was shouting sounding terrified He takes his last solemn breath and falls. Dead.</p> <p>If you were there throwing bodies into carts You would feel the pain and fear we went through His hanging face, with white withering eyes Still the memory haunts on and on and on ...</p> <p>By Olivia J</p>
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Mrs Jones

It is with sadness that I am letting you know that Mrs Jones has resigned from her post as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Jones will be leaving us at the end of term although she has offered to return in January to assist with the smooth induction of a new member of staff into our Kingfisher class.

Children in Need Appeal

This year *Children in Need* is being celebrated on Friday 18th November. Our school council are offering their peers the chance to:

- *Wear non-school uniform £1.00
- *Wear mad bad hair £1.00
- *Guess the number of sweets in the jar 50p a guess
- *Buy a cake at their special tuck shop 50p a cake (un-sold cakes will be sold at the end of the day)

Whilst the school council are themselves making cakes, they would appreciate some support with further cake making – thank you.

PTA Dates

19th November

Bletchingdon PTA's Quiz Night

There are a few more tables for sale. The tickets are £8 per person (to include supper) with a maximum of 6 persons per team. Tickets are available from Rachel Pirie and Elaine Hurst and should be purchased by Friday 18th November. Thank You.

9th December

Christmas Raffle @ the Christmas Fayre

Sickness and Diarrhoea Bug

Just to let you know that we have a virus going around school. If your child suffers sickness and/or diarrhoea then they should not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout. We are asking our children to be extra vigilant with their hand hygiene.

Primary School Places

Please note the online portal for Primary is now open with a closing date of 15th January 2017. National Offer Day is 18th April 2017.

Clubs

Please note the last Street Dance club is Thursday 24th November, the last multi-skills club is on Friday 25th November and the last football club is on Monday 28th November.

School-run clubs:

Felting	Monday 14 th , 21 st , 28 th Nov and 5 th Dec	Years 3 - 6
Craft	Tuesday 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th Nov and 6 th Dec	Years 2 - 4
Drama	Wednesday (last one 7 th Dec)	Years 2 - 6
Homework	Wednesday (last one 7 th Dec)	Years 3 - 6

Year 1 Dance Festival

Please see the accompanying letter. Thank you.

Swimming

This term our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils will be swimming on a Monday afternoon with their final session taking place on 5th December. We ask for a voluntary donation of £9.00 per pupil please. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17 th November	Year 1, 2 & 3 Nasal Flu Vaccinations AM Year 1 Dance Festival at The Marlborough PM
Thursday 1 st December	Christmas Play rehearsal for the Thursday Club
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Fayre 2pm to 3.30pm (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Monday 12 th December	CHRISTMAS NATIVITY AND CAROLS in the church @ 2pm and 6pm (YEARS 1 – 6)
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 5 and 6 carol singing at Heathfield Nursing Home
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch (with Year 6s serving) ROBIN'S NATIVITY @ 2.15pm in the school hall
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Party Last day of autumn term
Wednesday 4th January	Spring term begins

Yours sincerely

Louise Hatton
Headteacher

Theft in the Village

It has come to my attention that there has been a recent motorbike theft in the village. Please be extra vigilant and ensure that you lock your vehicles up at all times.

Church News

A **Remembrance Service** will be held in St. Giles Church, Bletchingdon on Sunday 13th November at 10:45am
Bletchingdon Silver Band will be playing hymns and the Last Post. **ALL WELCOME**

Advance Notice

The Church Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 3rd December from 4 – 7pm in the Village Hall
The **Children's Christmas Workshop** will also be held on Saturday 3rd December 10 – 12noon (spaces are limited so please contact Natasha on 07810 521 412 for further details)