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Friday 6th November 2020

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Poppy Project

Thank you for sending in the remembrance pebbles this week and we are now able to place these into our specially designed cross that will become a feature of our school. Here you are able to see the children's efforts on display and what a fitting tribute these are to those who have contributed to achieving peace time over the years.



This year we have been unable to collect donations of money from families in the normal way for the poppy appeal. We would therefore invite families to make a voluntary contribution to the British Legion on their website at

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

where you will see a red tab to donate. The children also created their own beautiful wreath which will be laid at the village churchyard to mark remembrance day.

Top dojo scorers

It is very important to us at Sutton, that children are self motivated to learn and that this is recognised and appreciated throughout our school. Since we have introduced Class Dojo, the children are very keen to get dojo points and to share with their parents their successes. Each half term, we will be celebrating our 'class dojo champions' who are the three top dojo point scorers in each class. During assembly this week, we presented these children with special certificates as our way of saying 'thank you' for their hard work in being good citizens and learners within our school. Many congratulations go to the following children:

Ruby—Amelia, Nicholas and Tabitha

Sapphire—Matthew, Oscar and Jack

Aquamarine—Eliza A, Eliza N and Isla

Tanzanite—Eloise, Sebastian and Zac

Amethyst—Eden, Amanda and Willow

Emerald—Charlie, Poppy and Eddie

Turquoise—Millie, Emily and Codie

Zircon—Yi Xuan, Charlie and Daniel

Carnelian—Charlie, Matthew and Owen

Citrine—Abbie, Lucas and Sophia



Thank you for food donations

Prior to the half term break, families gave generously to the Ely Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations. On behalf of Ely Foodbank we would like to thank you for your contributions, which have been passed on to them. Reverend Hancock conducted an online collective worship prior to half term, during which the children enjoyed her story about an apple and how it can represent love and the special secret it holds inside. We hope that your children shared this with you.

Headteacher roll of honour

Imogen in Emerald Class—Imogen was very skilled at describing the features of a mammal to me during her science lesson this week and was full of knowledge about living organisms. It was great to hear her sharing her knowledge, well done Imogen.

Izzy in Tanzanite Class—We have seen such amazing progress in Izzy's writing and she is even beginning to use joined up script and some wonderful punctuation to give her written work amazing impact. Well done Izzy.

Forthcoming Dates

6th November—consultation for behaviour policy ends

w/c 9th November—Wellness Week (please see details in this newsletter)

12th November at 4.30pm—Year 1 phonics event for parents via Zoom (please see previously circulated details)

13th November—Children in Need quiz day (not a non uniform day), please see details in this newsletter

w/c 16th November anti bullying week where children can wear odd socks for the whole week

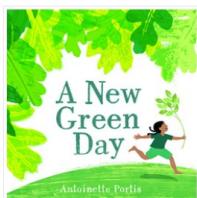
1st December—Reception to Year 6 flu vaccinations

18th December—Last day of term (training day on 4th January, so children return on 5th January)

Recommended Reads



Key Stage 2—Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo—Gorgeous new colour illustrations for the best-selling Kensuke's Kingdom. Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone . . .



Key Stage 1—A new green day by Antoinette Portis—who scribbles on the sidewalk with glistening ink? Snail! Who's a comma in a long, long sentence of a stream? Tadpole! Active readers will delight in the clever language and striking illustrations. On each spread, children will solve riddles about the familiar animals, plants and the weather that one child encounters outdoors throughout a whole day. 'The power of Portis's poems, and the surprise each page turn allows, lets readers experience familiar moments with awakened senses, offering them nothing less than a new world filled with fresh experiences.'

Wellness Week and Children in Need—theme of ‘connections’

We are holding our half termly 'wellness week' for children at Sutton next week. As part of this, the children will be taking part in a variety of COVID friendly events. We are going to be producing our own songs for the community, that can be seen on the school website and school dojo as from Monday 16th. We hope that whilst you cannot come into school to enjoy the singing, the videos will provide some uplift for families and the wider community. On 13th November, all classes will be taking part in a virtual quiz across the school. This will be an opportune time for children through the school to connect and will replace our non uniform day for Children in Need. You are able to donate to Children in Need via their website at www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk instead of passing on money to the school. This is a worthy cause and represents another way in which we can connect with the wider community. Their motto is 'together we can change young lives'.

Within this theme, the children have also been connecting with the local environment and all children have planted a daffodil bulb in our new Forest School area, to officially mark the beginnings of developing this space.

Children from across Years 3 and 4 have also designed posters for the community that will go up around the village to promote The Sutton Pantry, which will be ongoing during lockdown and the Christmas period. Sutton Pantry is a collection of food, gathered and donated by the community and put out in boxes at 7 the Row and now at the bottom of York Road for those people who cannot get out to the shops, or are not able to buy food for whatever reason. Essentially, it's a food bank that people are able to take from anonymously. We don't want people to go hungry, so those of us who can, are sharing what we have with those in need.