



Gosforth Park First School

Together we make a difference

As part of last term's topic '**Together we make a difference**', the children will be designed a new school logo. We will be testing some of these out in the newsletter in the next few weeks.

This week's was designed by Melody in Violet Class.

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Dear Parents

We were very excited in school this week by the news of a possible COVID vaccine in the near future. Unfortunately, this will not be in time to alter what we can manage to do for the rest of this term, including Christmas. I am sharing with you our thoughts of what is possible in the current restrictions and how we can manage this.

Santa's Grotto

We have been informed that Santa will still be dropping off a small gift for the children in his outdoor classroom Grotto, although he will not be able to join us in person this year. Any gifts will be quarantined for 72 hours before being given to the children and the children will visit the outdoor grotto in their class bubbles.

Visit from Santa

We are hoping that although Santa can't join us in person, he will be able to join classes remotely – he is quite a whizz with technology thanks to his helpers.

Parties

Children will still be able to have parties in their classrooms in their class bubble. We will ensure the usual treats, kindly provided by the PTA are quarantined for 72 hours before use.

Christmas Cards

Children will not be able to bring Christmas cards into school to swap with their friends, however, instead we suggest that your child could send a Christmas message to their teacher via SeeSaw which will then be shared in class or you could send an e-card and donate to St Oswald's <https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecard/tTzd>

Nativity

Instead of our traditional Key Stage Nativities, each class will be working on a special presentation to send home via SeeSaw.

Cards and Calendars

Children will still be making cards and calendars in school. These will be put into book bags and sent home in the last week of term. You can then leave them for 72 hours before removing them from bags.

Christmas Lunch

We are working with the catering team to ensure the children can enjoy a hot Christmas lunch in the last couple of weeks of term. We will confirm dates as soon as we are able to.

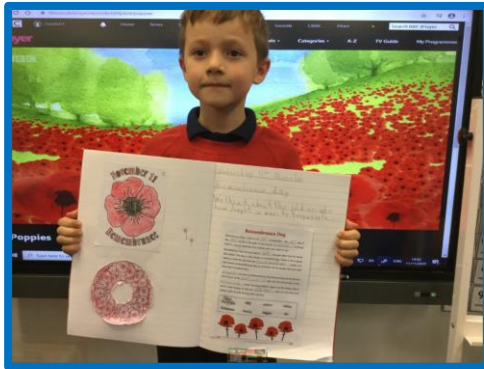
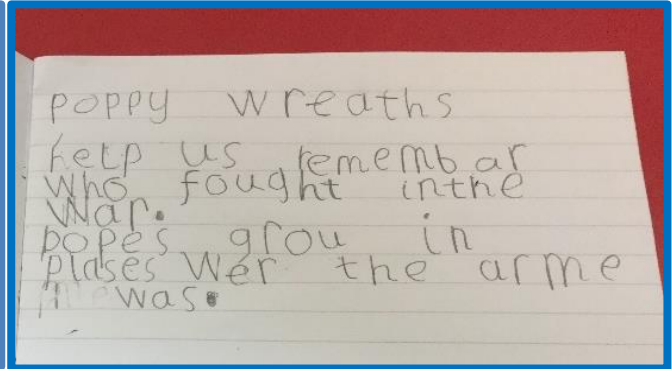
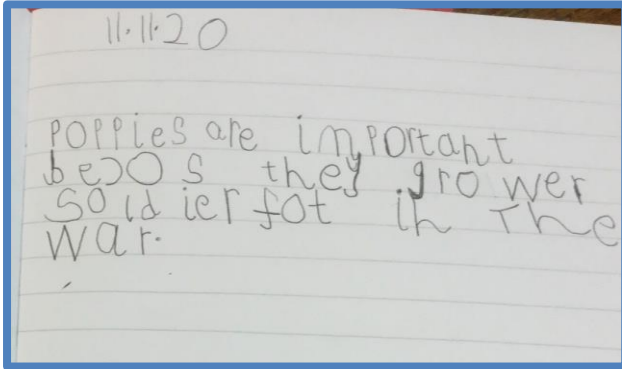
KS2 parents, please let us know via Parent Pay if your child would like a hot Christmas lunch (Reception and KS1 will automatically be offered one as part of the universal free school meal offer).

If you have downloaded this newsletter from the school website, you'll see we've made some changes. We are also putting together a virtual tour of the school as we are unable to show around new parents. Our Nursery application for September 2021 is now online.

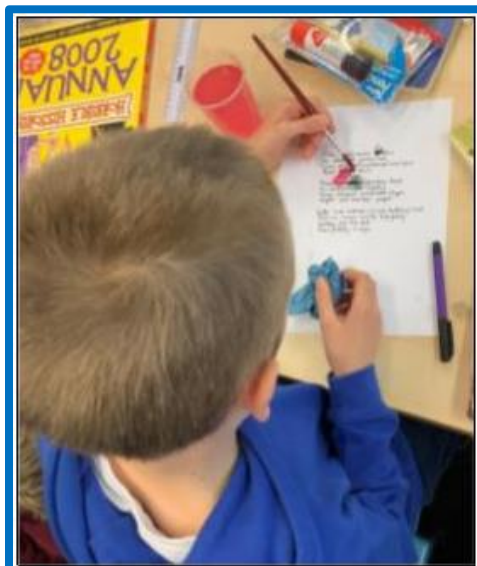


REMEMBRANCE DAY

The children were very quiet and respectful for the 2 minutes silence at 11am on Wednesday. KS1 learned about why it is important to remember the soldiers and we made our own poppy wreaths.



Key Stage 2 wrote their own Remembrance Day poems and created some beautiful artwork.



Filthy, cold, damp.
Hurt, slippery, smelly.
Dangerous, uncomfortable, toxic.
Dark, decaying, bleak.

Preparing, praying, eating,
Drinking, sleeping and hurting,
Falling, aiming, digging.
Training, loading, firing.

We wear poppies,
We remember,
We pray.
We give thanks.





Oxford Reading Buddy

Our Oxford reading buddy this week is Spencer Fahy, well done! All the logins are in the reading diaries, how many books and quizzes can you do by next week?



Well done to Yellow Class for being our top participants again this week.

Hania Pervez and Ella Sinclair have gained the most points, great work!



The children with top studio speeds in school are Millie Anderson, Leo Tomlinson and Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith well done to all of you!

Ms Gasper



Whole school attendance was 98.1% this week.

Up from 97.2% this time last year.

Please see our Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide below.



BBC Children in Need

Thank you so much for your kind donations. We have raised £115 for Children in Need so far today.



Next week is **Anti-Bullying week**. As part of this week, on **Monday 16th November** children can come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique! This day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way!

Book Bags

Please remember to send book bags to school on a Monday and Friday



Healthy School

Encouraging children to get in the kitchen and join in with preparing a meal can be key to engaging them with the importance of healthy eating and promotes a love of cooking and sharing food with family and friends. Nutrition.org has a, 'Made with Love, Shared with Love' section on its website aimed to help with this. It has a selection of printable recipes which suit a variety of tastes and ages and has clear, child (and adult!) friendly instructions and 'how to' skills videos.

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/helpingyoueatwell/madewithlove.html>

Mrs Wells

School Meals

We are expecting delivery of our new dining hall tables next week and should be able to start hot lunches for Year 2 and KS2 very soon!

Covid Related Pupil Absence Guide

	Scenario	Action required
1	<p>My child has COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature • New continuous Cough • Loss or change to sense of smell or taste 	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
2	The test result is negative	<p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>If well enough, your child can return to school on the following day (or the same day if possible).</p>
3	The test result is positive	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days. The person who has a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 14 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 14 days)</p>
4	My child is unwell with non COVID-19 related symptoms	Follow the usual school absence procedures.
5	Someone in my household has COVID symptoms	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result.</p>
6	Someone in my household has tested positive for COVID-19	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Self-isolate everyone in your household for 14 days.</p> <p>The person who has tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.</p>
7	NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or I know that my child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19	<p>DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL</p> <p>Ring school immediately.</p> <p>Your child will have to self-isolate for 14 days. Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate. If your child develops symptoms in the self-isolation period, follow the advice for scenario 1. If another member of the household develops symptoms, follow the advice for scenario 5.</p>

8	We are returning from travel to a country where a period of quarantine is necessary.	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Follow advice regarding the need to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and how to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk Ring school immediately so that we are aware and so that we can agree a return to school date.
9	We have received medical advice that my child needs to resume shielding	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Ring school immediately. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.
10	My child's school bubble has been told to self-isolate.	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL School will contact you to share the advice from Public Health England and to inform you of a return to school date and arrangements for remote learning.

