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Dear Parent/Carer

This week the children were all able to join together at the War Memorial for our Remembrance reflect. It was nice to be joined by Rev Wendy who led the reflection and silence and also by a few members of the community. The older children had all made themselves poppies, as had some of the younger ones. Toy Box had made wreaths to be laid on the war memorial as well. Although we are not able to join together inside, we have also managed to have a whole school poetry performance, with each class learning a poem and sharing this with the rest of the school. Being outside it was a good way to develop them projecting their voices! The classes really enjoyed performing and watching each other as did I.

**Anti-Bullying Week** - Next week in our worship and PSHE lessons we will be focus on anti-bullying and to bring some focus to this area we would like to invite all the children to wear odd socks on Monday to celebrate this and remind them that we are all different and unique. I am also attaching a useful guide for parents to this newsletter. Here is the link to it as well: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-bullying%20Week%202021%2020Parent%20Pack%20-%20FINAL.pdf>



**Odd Socks Day**

**MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

This year we are holding **Odd Socks Day** with the support of Andy Day, cBeebies star and front man of Andy and the Odd Socks. It is a chance for primary schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking learners to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler!

Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, **Monday 15th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.

It comes with a **school pack of lesson plans and activity ideas, which you can find [here](#).**

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**Nativity** - Due to the ongoing situation we have made the decision that Cygnet class and Kingfisher class will need to do their own nativity play this year as they may well not be able to join together for this. We are still hoping that we will be able to invite parents to this performance, but this will have to be confirmed much nearer the time. If we are unable to do this, we will record it as we did last year. The performances are planned for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Cygnet class at 5pm and Kingfisher class at 6pm

**Village Hall Car park:** Some days the car park is very busy at school collection and drop-off times. A reminder to all to please reverse into parking spaces and park carefully.

**Breakfast and 3.30 Clubs:** - please be aware that Breakfast Club is now full everyday and 3.30 Club only has limited availability. If you do need an extra or ad hoc session speak to the School Office.

**Online Safety tip:-**

## Talking to your children about Online Safety



Many parents and carers worry about their children staying safe when using technology. Research shows that one of the best ways to keep them safe is to talk to children about the technology they use, when they are using it. But knowing how to talk to children about technology can be challenging.

This saferinternet.org.uk blog sets out five tips for talking to children of all ages about their technology use. These are:

- 1) Play games together
- 2) Read together
- 3) Explore the online world together
- 4) Watch shows and films online together
- 5) Laugh together

Read the full details of these tips at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/five-tips-talking-about-online-safety-young-children>

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**Bag2School, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – thank you for all your donations of old clothes, £102.00 has been raised for the school PTFA.

**Children in Need, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – will be a non-Uniform day with a £2 donation.

**Village Exhibition – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - WEA are running an exhibition in the Village Hall about the village past and present this Saturday. I do hope as many of you as possible will go along and visit the exhibition. As a school we have been asked to have a stand and present some items from lockdown.



**Open Morning, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Our Open morning for prospective parents is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 10 – 12. Attached to this letter is a poster, please can you let friends and family who have children who will be starting at school next September know about this event.

**PTFA Bingo – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall** - Please book this date in your diary and come along as a family to support your PTFA. It should be a great night and there are some amazing prizes to win as well as lots of fun to be had.

**Dates to remember :**

Long Sutton Village Exhibition	:	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 12 – 3pm
Anti-bullying week – wear odd socks	:	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day	:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Open Morning for prospective parents	:	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 10-12pm
PTFA Bingo	:	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
Flu vaccinations	:	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Nativity - Cygnets (5pm) and Kingfisher (6pm):	:	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Additional School Closure Day	:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Safeguarding**

**If you have any concerns about your child or another please come and speak to myself. Safeguarding is everyone’s business and cannot be ignored. You can always contact Somerset Direct (0300 123 2224) or the NSPCC yourself to share or discuss any Safeguarding concerns you have.**

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Here are some useful websites recommended by our DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Lizzie Reynolds or Cheryl Park).

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Best wishes  
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