

# School Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## 'Let us spur one another to acts of love and good deeds.' Hebrews 10:24

Dear Exbourne Friends and Families,

#### Lest We Forget

We have been learning about Armistice and the importance of Remembrance Day.

We have worn our poppies and written prayers for peace. In our worship at the church, the children read their prayers and we named the Exbourne soldiers who have died in war and said the iconic and important words 'we will remember them.'



All of the children made a poppy which Mrs Head displayed with our soldier and the names of our local heroes. Thank you to all who made contributions to The Royal British Legion.

#### **Parent Voice**

Thank you for those who came to our meeting. It was a very productive meeting and further highlighted to me the passion Exbourne parents have for this fabulous school. Our next meeting is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. We will be discussing our school priorities including increasing the school role, communication and PR, curriculum updates, wrap around care and Governance.

#### Volunteers needed for The Burrow

The Burrow is a fantastic asset for Exbourne. Where would we be without our groceries, post office, pasties and coffee? We really need some more volunteers to keep this going. Can you offer any time to support? From an hour a week to more if you are able. Please speak to Nikki in the shop or email <a href="mailto:shop@theundergroundshop.co.uk">shop@theundergroundshop.co.uk</a>

#### **Messy Church**

Christmas came early this week as we celebrated our last Messy Church of the year by thinking about the Christmas story. Families enjoyed Christmas crafts including making advent calendars and marshmallow angels. Rev Leigh led worship at the church, then families came back to the school for a festive meal, and as always, lots of delicious cake!

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers who make this happen. This really is a wonderful opportunity for our families to come together in community and friendship.

#### Thankfulness

This half term we are focusing on being thankful. The children have been thinking about what they are thankful for. It will not surprise you that some things they have said have been TV, cars and computer games, but they are also thinking deeply and reflecting on family and friendship, nature and art and music.

Every day we say our school grace before we have our lunch together:

Dear Lord We thank you for the food we eat, We thank you for the friends we meet, For helping us throughout the day, We thank you Lord in every way. Amen

### Charity

This week we learnt about the charity Children in Need. We will be supporting Christian Aid next Friday. This will be a non-uniform day with a request for a voluntary donation for the charity.

#### Rainbow

The children were excited to see this rainbow over our school last week.



Please see our Facebook page for class news and updates.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

With very best wishes

Tara Penny

Principal

#### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30pm Carol Concert

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 9am Parent Forum

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm and 5.30pm Rec, Y1& Y2 Nativity

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – whole school pantomime trip

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – last day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – First day of our new term

Holiday dates are published on our school website