

Dear parents,

A few 'Thank You's' this week:

- To Sam G, Kit, Henry P, Darcey P, Teddy, Esme, Genevieve, Zara and Charlotte for laying wreaths in Ford, Nether Winchendon and Cheersley.
- All parents for their support in wearing face masks and keeping 2m's apart.
- Supporting Children in Need Pyjama day- don't forget to pay £1.00 through School Comms.

I have attached a link to the most up to date guidance from the Government regarding schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Mrs Price

Open Day video

We now have a link to the open day video on our school website. If you are new to the school or new to the site (year 3 children), it would be a good way of find out about what goes on in the school. For all other parents it hopefully will be of interest for you instead of our usual open sessions.

The real purpose is for parents of children starting school in September 2021- but all are welcome to view!

School Remembrance Service

On both sites the children laid wreaths on the 11th November. This was done by Hamish and Emilia at Dinton Church, with a prayer read by Phoebe. We were joined by Nicky Bancroft and her daughter who read a poem to the year 5 & 6 children. The poem was written by her mother Diana Good about her war time experiences in Aylesbury; it was very moving.

Speech and Language Assessments for Infant children

Over the coming week we will be using an online diagnostic tool, provide by Bucks County Council Speech and Language Therapists. We use the assessments to help identify areas a child is finding difficult. The language aspect specifically helps identify children's understanding and processing of language. All children in Foundation class, or new to our school at the Infant site, will undergo this assessment.

The speech assessment focuses on the articulation of sounds within words. We only assess children identified by their teacher, as not every child will require this in-depth assessment. Once assessed, we will contact parents next week if their child is being targeted to receive an intervention.

Further details can be found at: <https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

F4CADs

'Let your light shine'

Christmas cards

We have raised over £250 with the children's Christmas cards- thank you.

Tea towels and coasters

This is the first time in 10 years that we have sold the children's tea towels and it has been a great success- over £500 taken so far! The tea towels and coasters are for sale until Tuesday 17th November. Some of you have asked for a preview before you buy. We made the conscious decision not to let you see the pictures your child had drawn as we wanted it to be a lovely surprise. If it helps, I haven't seen the pictures the children have drawn of me!

Surprise shop

Every year F4CADs host a shop for the children to buy gifts for family members. We would like to do the same again this year, but the school staff will man the shop. Each child will be able to buy 3 gifts. For this to happen, you need to send in new gifts for children or adults so that the children have a selection of items to buy. There will be a box in each reception area for you to deposit your gifts. More information will follow.

Kidspass

Parents can enjoy a free one month Kids Pass. <https://www.kidspass.co.uk/redeem-code/PARENT30>

So far over 600 Schools have now claimed over 12,000 Kids Pass memberships. We hope you are enjoying them!www.kidspass.co.uk

Emily the Engineer

Network Rail have created a new version of their Emily the Engineer activity book for children. It is full of puzzles and quizzes and the opportunity to take part in a competition to win a family trip for 4 on the Eurostar to Disneyland Paris.

To enter, imagine and draw what the train of the future would look like and ask an adult to email in a photo of your entry with your name and age to:

earlyengagement@networkrail.co.uk (closing date is **Friday 20th November 2020**).

House Captain

Aderin Pocock (Yellow)- Elliot and Charlotte

Bell Burnett (Blue)- Asmitha and Nadia

Anning (Green)- Greta and Henry

Lovelace (Red) Izzy and Kit

Stars of the week

F - Brooke and George M

1 - Athena and Billie

2 - Jasmine and Ben

3 - Florence and Emily

4 - Luke and Daisy

5 - Martha and Freya

6 - Emilia and Betsy

Science Stars

6- Asmitha

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