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## Newsletter 6th November 2020

So, as we enter a second lockdown, may I just say a big thank you for all your continued support in helping us to keep everyone safe. Our attendance continues to be above the national average, for a normal non-covid year.

This year, as you know, Mrs Green has been selling poppies and other remembrance goodies in the gazebo after school. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile cause. Remembrance Sunday, which is on the 8th November, will look quite different to what normally happens with the church service and parade. We have purchased a wreath that will be laid by Mrs De Bardi and myself. We have attached the details for the morning's Act of Remembrance, in case you wish to attend. On Wednesday 11th November at 11:00, we will have an act of remembrance in school, with all of the children. This will involve using Google Meet to have an assembly which will be streamed to each bubble and as part of this we will be observing a minutes silence.

As we were not able to have our usual Harvest Festival this year, we have decided to support the Blandford Food Bank as they help families in need over Christmas. As part of your next shop, if you are able, could you please purchase an item suitable to go into a foodbank Christmas parcel (please ensure that all items are alcohol-free). Our box will be in the foyer and will be taken to the foodbank on Monday 16 November.

The Owls and Barn Owls have been learning about Remembrance Sunday and made their own poppies using paper plates, paint and tissue paper. In literacy we talked discussed words to describe fireworks by thinking about how they look and sound. We also made firework pictures using glue, salt, paint and glitter. We talked about keeping safe when watching firework displays.









Kestrels have been learning all about Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder plot this week, they have enjoyed being history detectives and finding out about the problems the plotters had. They have also learnt firework poems by heart and performed them. As well as all that they have made firework art and attempted some animation work.

## Hawks News...

We have had a good week back after half term. We have planned our pencil cases that we are going to make in Design Technology this half term. We enjoyed some circuits in PE to keep fit.

In Maths Year 4 have been looking at measures and converting mm to cm to m. In Year 3 they have been finishing off addition and subtraction.

In Literacy we have started looking at instructions and explanations and particularly 'bossy' verbs.





Our U.F.O. sightings have reached fever-pitch this week with the children's first-hand recounts of the spacecraft that landed at our school! Some of the class have magically transformed into police officers and S.A.S. special forces operatives to make their writing even more exciting and from a different perspective. Maths has been less exciting but we still had fun with factors, multiples, square and cube numbers! We started looking at forces in Science - the children already know so much about them. Despite these strange times we are living in, the children still showed super understanding and compassion when talking about Armistice Day and the importance of remembering those who fought for our freedom. Their poppies are beautiful too.

## Star Mathematicians-

Owls - Monty Kestrels - Jimmy Hawks - Tristan Eagles - Jackson

## Star Writers-

Owls - Oliver Kestrels - Zac Hawks - Millie Eagles - Henry S

Forest school starts for Foundation Base and Eagles on Monday 9 November. Please send your children into school wearing the appropriate clothing, as they will be outside, and ensure they have a change of footwear.