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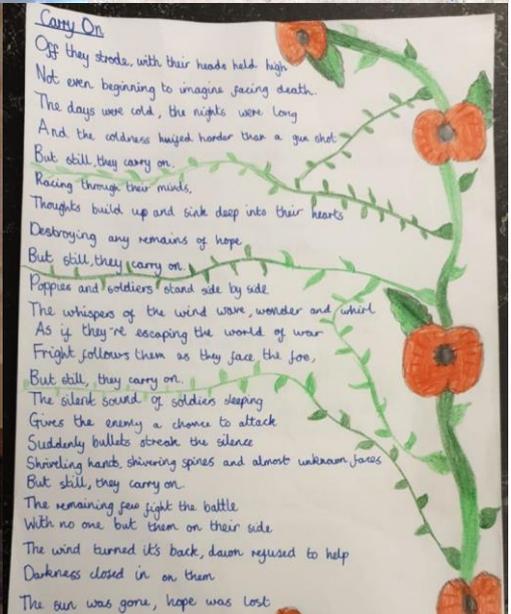
13th November 2020

St Stephen's Primary Church School

Happy Friday! Remembrance... On Monday we enjoyed our first whole school Collective Worship. It was great to see everyone's face in the same place again, even if it was on a screen. We took some time to notice and think about the small things in life and reflected on our gratitude to the men and women who did really big, brave, selfless things so that we could continue to enjoy those moments. We sat quietly whilst I read the names of the former pupils who tragically lost their lives in the first world war and are commemorated on our Remembrance Plaque in school.

Then on Wednesday Year 2 made their traditional visit to the church to lay a wreath at 11.00 and the rest of the school observed a two minutes' silence. Years 5 and 6 stood in the crisp Autumn sunshine on the playground and the St Stephen's Church bell marked the start of the silence.

In different year groups children have been writing some beautiful poetry showing a heart-warming degree of understanding, empathy and gratitude, and creating Remembrance artwork. Here are some images from the week.



Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



Tree-mendous effort... (I know, I know – but it's the best I can come up with at the moment!). Last year, parent Ruby Hazael kindly arranged for the donation and planting of a selection of saplings. Sadly, due to wild animals, footballs, and accidental bumping, not all of the saplings are still with us but the remaining ones have been given a new lease of life thanks to Kate and Tom Bravin who came into the grounds last weekend to create these surrounds. Thank you both very much indeed!



Christmas Tree Sale... As our main PTA Christmas fundraiser this year, I am really grateful to Nic Anderman and her team for arranging a click-and-collect style Christmas Tree sale over two Saturdays, **5th and 12th of December.**

Please see more details below and support if you possibly can. The trees are locally sourced and excellent quality!

Have a lovely weekend. Andy Bowman

Doodle Maths News... **Top Doodlers**

This week we are celebrating these wonderful doodlers. Well done everyone for great doodling this week!

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| F1 – Isla | F2 – Laurie | F3- Catriona | F4- Felix | F5 – Joshua | F6- Bobby |
| F7- Zach G | F8- Amy | F9- Ffion | F10- Jessie | F11- Megan | F12- Zack H |
| F13- Freddie | F14- Iza | | | | |

Anti-bullying Week...Next week is Anti-bullying week. All children will be doing some work on this in PPA sessions and in class and then on Friday 20th November, we would like the children to come to school dressed in blue as this is the colour theme for Anti-bullying week (we are not asking for a voluntary donation for this).

Each 'bubble' will be forming their own 'Circle of Friendship' to show our joint agreement to beat bullying. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Blanchard and Ms Mumford

Message from Reverend Philip...

As Advent approaches our churches have had a brilliant idea. It's called 'Lansdown Advent Windows', and we're looking for 24 volunteer homes to host a window a night from 1st December. Each night there will be a new wonderful Christmassy creation to see, and there'll be a map so people can follow the trail. It's open to all who live within reasonable walking distance of the church and school.

Here is the information you need - email me at philip@ststephensbath.org.uk - deadline 20th November!

Calendar Dates...

- Inset Days - 4th January and 28th May.
- 24th and 26th November: Parent consultations
- 11th December 2.00-2.45: Christmas Celebration
- 14th December: Reception and Year 2 Christmas Party
- 15th December: Year 1 and Year 3 Christmas Party
- 17th December: Year 4 and Year 5 Christmas Party
- 18th December Year 6 Christmas Party
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