



Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and members of the school community



Mrs Chattell created a Remembrance video for the Benefice of Farleigh, The Candovers and Wield which was shared with the children within their own classrooms.

Children in Beech Class were then challenged to paint a field of poppies with the theme, 'Poppies in perspective.' They had to think about how



I have chosen Oscar's poem to share with you.

On Wednesday I hosted an online assembly where the whole school observed a two-minute silence, a tradition going back to the end of the First World War. This tradition is a way to honour members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty. This year we also remembered the brave NHS workers who lost their lives fighting the pandemic and gave thanks to those that continue the fight.



the poppies look bigger in the foreground and how they reduce in size in the distance.

Oak Class explored the many ways poets tried to evoke an emotional response. They read significant poems written near the end of World War 1 and they tried to write their own using a similar style.

You can see all the paintings and read a selection of the poems on our website in November Events.

I REMEMBER I REMEMBER WHEN THE WIND WAS FRESH AND THE FIELDS WERE FULL OF
COLOUR.
I REMEMBER WHEN THE SUN GAZED ON ME I REMEMBER PLAYING WITH MY FRIENDS
I REMEMBER IT ALL.
THEN DARKNESS STRUCK.
WAR BEGAN. THE AIR SPURTS WITH FIRE.
DISTANT SCREAMS ECHO ON THE BATTLEFIELD. BOMBS GO OFF LIGHTING UP THE DEAD
SKY.
HOPE IS LOST. ALL IS BLACK, BLACK, BLACK.
WHIZZ-BANGS SOAR THROUGH STAINED BLACK SKY STRAIGHT AT ME. "RUN, RUN"
SAID A VOICE FROM BEHIND.
I TURN TO LOOK AT HIM BUT WITHIN A SECOND-HE WAS GONE.
MY EARS WERE SCREECHING. MY EYES WERE ACHING.
I RAN DOWN THE WRECKED TRENCH, PASSING MANY LIFELESS BLOODSTAINED BODIES.
I MADE IT OUT THAT NIGHT BUT MANY OTHER OF MY COMRADES DIDN'T.
REMEMBER, REMEMBER, REMEMBER.

By Oscar Year 6 Oak Class

Stay Safe

A reminder that on our website there is a whole page dedicated to keeping safe during the pandemic. It also gives guidance from the NHS and DfE on what to do if you or anyone in your family displays Covid symptoms.

Infection rates in the local area continue to rise and there have been cases in some local schools. We urge that you continue to be alert, to follow government guidance and current lockdown rules, and help keep your family and the school community safe.

If your child develops **any** of the 3 main symptoms please keep them off school and get a test. If they are feeling under the weather for any other reason, we ask that you inform us and keep them off school until they are feeling better.

<https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/covid19-1>

Christmas

Christmas will come to Cliddesden, albeit differently this year.

- There will be no live performance of the nativity but both Willow and Beech will be involved in producing a play in school. Filming the scenes within their own bubbles, the Nativity will be edited so it fits together and we will upload it for parents to watch on-line. Parental permission slips and the dates it will be available will follow.

- Children will be able to send Christmas cards but only to the children and staff in their own bubble. Each class will have their own post box and we will distribute the cards after they have been in the box for 72 hours.
- There will be no Secret Sale but Friends will be organising a Christmas raffle.
- Friends have kindly given us the funds to purchase an on-line recording of a pantomime performed by the Kings Theatre, Portsmouth which will be shown to the children in their classroom.
- We will have our Christmas dinner on Thursday 17th December 2020 and this will also be a non-uniform day fundraiser for Save the Children as we do every year.
- There will be a Christmas tree in The Link.
- Many of you are very kind and generous and buy staff thank you gifts every Christmas. I am sorry but we cannot accept them this year so instead our Pupil Parliament will decide on a chosen charity that you can donate to if you wish.

Details of all our Christmas activities will be sent out closer to the time.

SEND Parent Meetings

We have set up a few slots for parents of children on our SEND register to discuss any concerns with Mrs Smith. The slots are for Thursday 26th November 2020. Please note that you should only book a meeting with Mrs Smith if you feel the class teacher will not be able to help. The class teacher should be your first port of call for all concerns. If you are unable to book a slot please could you email Mrs Smith your concerns.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

To view diary dates and class pages, find out about our curriculum, read all about our events in school, view your child's homework tasks, learn how to stay safe on the internet and much more please visit our school website www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

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