

Hi everyone

Today is certainly very different to last Monday when you were all still enjoying a sunny day out of school and we were all busy working on developments in the teaching of reading! Let's hope it doesn't last too long. As well as training on reading that day, some of our staff attended First Aid training provided by Kev Wheeler, one of our parents, who runs Vesalius Medical. He trains our staff free of charge and we are so very grateful to him, particularly as this time he trained staff in how to use our new defibrillator, which is now in use. It is currently working and is stored in the school office while we raise additional funds for a special case so it can be wall mounted outside.

This week we have been focusing on Remembrance Day in our assemblies and lots of the children talked about observing the silence yesterday. We will be observing our own silence on Wednesday at 11am. I thought you might like to see a photo of the Cabin which has become a work of art to reflect Remembrance Day:



Don't forget that this Friday is the day our School Photographer Alex Guy is coming in to photograph the children. When we booked this day we hadn't realised that it was also Children in Need day so we have moved our 'Pudsey' day forward a day to Thursday. The children may wear something spotty or yellow or with Pudsey on it. We can collect donations if you would like to send them in but it is not a requirement.

I also wanted to mention something we are hoping to do - an idea which you might have seen doing the rounds on Facebook and which we have pinched! We would like to provide a simple birthday party at the end of each half term for any children who have not been able to celebrate their birthdays with their usual party. We will provide some simple party food at the end of the day and a few games, and any child who has had a birthday that half term will be able to blow out a candle (well away from anyone else of course!) and we will hum along to a rendition of happy birthday! I know it won't be quite the same, but in years to come it could very well be the party they remember the most!

This term the party will be for children with birthdays in September, October, November and December - so we are going to need a lot of candles! It will be held on Friday 11th of December so that it doesn't clash with the 'bubble' Christmas party we are planning for the following week. We will send home more details nearer the time. Watch this space...

With love from

Jacky