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Dear Parents,

Autumn is well and truly with us, and as we hurtle towards Christmas there are so many wonderful things happening in our school. The office will shortly be sending you a detailed list of the organisation and practicalities involved; I am looking forward to the joy of watching the hoops go up, crying at the nativity and celebrating with you at St. Peter's Church when we join together for the Christmas Carol Service.



Harvest

It is a little while since we celebrated harvest, but it is important that we acknowledge your support once again as you filled the Church to watch the children show their thanks for the food we have and remind us of the need to share with those less fortunate. The children were amazing and I will never watch the Great British Bake-Off in quite the same way again! Thank you to the staff who worked hard to organise the service. Your generous donations were taken to the Dorking Food Bank and will benefit those families who are in need; please remember that should you ever find yourself in that position the Foodbank are ready with support



Remembrance Day

There are moments when a school community unite for a common cause that lifts the spirit of those involved; on Wednesday we were so proud of your children as they sat respectfully (a bee rule) to remember. The children made crosses in their classes and chose to decorate their cross to remember soldiers who have

fought or are still fighting, or people that they wanted to remember. The crosses will be displayed together with a 'Remembering' book in our hall so that children can write the names of those they want to remember. Loss is not an easy topic for young children to talk about, but we find this is a time of year when we can naturally develop our conversations about 'Remembrance' into remembering people and our memories of those we have loved who are no longer with us. If there is somebody special that you think your child would like to add, a conversation at home may be the starting point. Thank you also for supporting our Poppy Appeal, it was very popular this year.

The Splash Fund

You will soon be seeing a large thermometer appear on the wall of the school showing us how we are progressing towards our 'Splash' fund-raising target. Please support the Friends of Newdigate (formerly PTA) for this worthwhile cause.

Coming up

It would be lovely to see more of you for parent/carer forum this term. Please join me at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 23rd November when we will discuss communication.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Paula Bliss, Headteacher

