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In God's Hands

We Learn and Grow

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Newsletter 4

Dear Parents,

Today has been a very moving and inspirational day and once again I would like to start with the words of one of our children, Roma, who has written a beautiful poem and captured the essence of autumn:



The Autumn Leaves

*Fresh leaves, falling from the trees,
Blowing all around me,
Hedgehogs hibernating in a pile of leaves,
The wind is blowing round me making a ghostly
breeze,
I see squirrels jumping off the trees,
Bunny rabbits thumping on the orange leaves.
Children playing outside swinging in a tyre,
Everyone loves autumn,
'Tis the season for bonfires!*

Roma-Marie Bowers (Maple Class)



Poppy Appeal.

Year 2 have been leading the way by collecting for the Poppy appeal again this year; the poppies and wristbands have proved very popular and we will let you know how much we have raised as soon as it is counted up.

The whole school assembled today to commemorate Armistice Day. We held a two-minute silence to remember the nation's war dead and laid wreaths and crosses made by the children in our hall. For us this is a very appropriate time to remind ourselves that we are hoping and praying for peace in our communities and across the world and gives us the opportunity to explore our school value in a very meaningful way. If you would like to find out more with your children about how the poppy tradition began, the BBC website has a very helpful video.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-37938047>

Christmas Celebrations

I am sure you will already be feeling the momentum of Christmas preparations and thinking of how you and your families will be celebrating this year. At school, we are, of course, also getting ready, and you will by now have received letters from both FONS and the school office giving you information about our events and details of how we would like you to support them. Please do ask a staff member if you are unsure of anything; we are always happy to help.

Part of our celebrations will again include attending Church, but this year we are inviting you to attend a traditional Christmas Service at St. Peter's in the evening with your families (Tuesday 20th December 2016 at 6.00 p.m.) rather than during the school day. Hopefully this will allow more family members to join us as a community and celebrate this magical time together; we do hope you can join us.

We will also be providing children with the opportunity to make their own Christingle on **Friday 2nd December** here at school in their tri-angel groups (no need to bring anything in) that they can then take home. They are welcome to light them at home or take them to **St. Peter's Christingle Service on Sunday 4th December**. More details to follow

Welcome

We are thrilled to let you know that, after Christmas, we will be welcoming a new teacher to our school to replace Mrs Kimberlee on a permanent basis. Miss Holmes (soon to be Mrs Tinmouth) will be joining us at Newdigate and working with Cherry class, alongside Mrs Dennysen. We are looking forward to working with her and learning from her. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Priestley for stepping in and teaching the wonderful Cherry class since September. I know she has thoroughly enjoyed it and will miss her days with them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks,
Paula Bliss, Headteacher