

Term 2 Week 10 15th – 19th November 2021

Quote of the week:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11th November, we paid our respects to all the heroes and veterans who have fought in the war – by honouring a two minute's silence. Some of our children were chosen to recite a poem called "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. His poem tells the sad tale of all the soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the First World War.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Every child was represented in our wonderful wreaths and floral tributes that were taken to the war memorial at St. Leonard's on Remembrance Sunday. Thanks to Mrs Cuthbert and the children who attended. They were impeccably behaved, serving as wonderful ambassadors for our school.



Forest School this week

During forest schools this week we have been celebrating Diwali the festival of lights, looking at the different coloured flames on the fire. We collected items from the forest school site and made Rangoli patterns in the style of the sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.



Anti - Bullying week 15th November – 19th November

Bullying can have long-lasting effects on children's mental health, and the effects may be cyclical. Young people who have experienced bullying are more likely to experience mental health issues, and those who have mental health issues are more likely to be bullied. While it's vital that the whole school community takes an active anti-bullying stance all year round, Anti-Bullying Week provides a good opportunity to emphasise that stance to pupils, parents and carers and staff.



The theme for this year's week is 'one kind word'. In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So, from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word. It starts today.

Year 5 & 6 Life Saving Roadshow

This week our children in Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in a the 'First Aid Roadshow' in the hall, offered by Maldon District Council.

Friday 19th November – Children in Need Day

BBC Children in Need have partnered up with BBC One's Strictly Come Dancing to bring some glitz and glamour to this year's Appeal and this year, we're asking our children to 'Get Your Strictly On'.

The easiest way to get involved is to wear your Strictly best and feel fab-u-lous this Friday 19th November. After 18 months of pjs and joggers, we're all ready for a bit of glam. By dressing up in their samba-sequins the children can join the rest of the nation who are raising some much-needed funds for children here in the UK. The children can go all out in full glitter, sparkles and feathers – all we ask, is that the children donate a £1 towards this worth cause. As, we are a cashless school, we will be providing you with an update on how to make your donation soon.

We are also going to have a 'cake bonanza' at breacktime, where all the children will be offered a yummy snack of their choice. All we ask is that any budding bakers (come all you mums and nannies !!!) donate a batch of delicious cakes to the school office on Thursday 18th. If baking isn't an option, it would be really appreciated if parents/carers could donate a pack of cupcakes, cake bars, flapjacks etc to the school so that we have enough cakes to give to every child. Please remember, that some children have allergies, so nothing with nuts included please. If your child has a specific allergy, please ensure that you bring in a suitable snack for them, and I will ensure that they receive this. If you would like any Tupperware boxes returned, please remember to put your name on the box and I will return them to you.



I will send a text out on Wednesday 17th to remind you of the above and really hope that you will join our School in celebrating all the good work and causes that this Charity represents.

Thank you. Mrs Cummings, Wellbeing Mentor

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who has been chosen for shining so brightly in the past week. Mrs Cuthbert announced winners on Friday 12th November as follows:

Class	Friday 5 th November	
Elm	Harry	Louie
Hazel	Roman	Madison
Willow	Evelyn	Danny
Maple	Callum	Tristan
Ash	Dylan	Archie
Cherry	Austin	Roma
Elder	Jessica	Freddie
Oak	Isla	Shaine



Bronze Achievement Award

A huge congratulations to Elsie in Willow class who is our first pupil to achieve a bronze achievement award for earning 25 merits!

Congratulations to our finalists

Congratulations to our finalists in The Parish of St Leonard's Christmas Card competition. There is a wonderful array of amazing designs, all inspired by the theme; **Christmas in the Community**. The overall winning design will be printed and distributed to every household within Southminster.



Elsie Willow Class



Isabelle Oak Class



Alexander Elder Class



Honey Willow Class



Maisie Elder Class



Isabella Willow Class



Tabitha Ash Class



Faith Oak Class

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

Well done to all the children and families who filled up their Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes with lots of boy and girl goodies. In total our school received 40 boxes!!!! These will now be collected and sent on to children around the world who otherwise might not have such fruitful Christmases.

Well done and thank you.



Winter warmers

Now that the weather is taking a turn towards winter... can we please ask that your children are sent to school wearing appropriate winter coats and hats and gloves. Thank you.



Important Notice:

Applications for Reception places September 2022

Primary school (Reception) admission round opens on **Monday 8 November 2021**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2022.

From 8 November 2021, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2022**.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU The school dinner menu for this week will be as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choose your Main	CHEESE & TOMATO DEEP PAN PIZZA SLICE	NACHO CHICKEN (chicken breast, tomato sauce, mozerella, nacho pieces)	ROAST TURKEY WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDING	SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE	CHICKEN NUGGETS
Vegetarian	CHEESE & TOMATO DEEP PAN PIZZA SLICE	NACHO QUORN	CHEESE & VEGETABLE BAKE	QUORN BOLOGNAISE	QUORN DIPPERS
On the Side	FRESH SALAD HOMEMADE COLESLAW SWEETCORN	SAVOURY RICE PEA'S OR BROCCOLI	ROAST POTATOES CARROTS OR GREEN BEANS OPTIONAL GRAVY	MIXED SALAD	CRISPY CHIPS PEA'S OR SPAGHETTI HOOPS
Lighter Bite	JACKET POTATO WITH CHEESE OR COLESLAW	JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS	JACKET POTATO WITH TUNA MAYONNAISE	JACKET POTATO WITH GRATED CHEESE	1/2 BAGUETTE WITH CHOICE OF HAM CHEESE OR TUNA
For Dessert	BANANA & CUSTARD	LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE	ETON MESS	APPLE CRUMBLE WITH CUSTARD	FRUIT JELLY & CREAM

<https://www.kickscout.org.uk/>

We will be collecting used stamps in order to support this worthwhile appeal. Please save and bring in any used stamps and we will ensure that they are sent to the Kickscout charity as part of their Christmas campaign.

Thank you.



Key dates for your diaries:

- 18th November Yr 3&4 trip to Burnham Power Museum
- 19th November Children in Need day
- 28th November – Southminster Christmas Lights service
12th November – Shoebox Deadline
- 8th December – Christmas Tree decorating
- 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th December – Christmas Tree Fair (St. Leonard's)
- 13th EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance dress rehearsal
- 14th December Pantomime Trip
- 15th EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance for parents (am & pm)
- 16th 9am coffee morning and KS2 Carol Service (St. Leonard's)

17th December Last day of Term
