

Fairfield First School

Calendar

- 11th November – Remembrance Day, non-uniform day, wear something red (£1)
- 24th November – School photographs (TBC)
- 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day!
- 18th December – BREAK UP for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

This week has been another tricky one, in school! We were all devastated to discover that we had been burgled between 10.10pm on Monday evening and 7.30am on Tuesday morning. The thieves caused a large amount of damage to school property and then proceeded to take all of the iPads that our children use in their classrooms alongside a MacBook that runs our system. Such incidents are awful at any time but at a time where everyone associated to school is working so hard to keep everything as normal as possible for our children, it is appalling. As a school we have encountered a huge amount of additional costs, to ensure school is safe for our children, their families and our staff team. Alongside not being able to hold any fundraising events during the summer term or in the run up to Christmas it will take time to fund any replacements items. However, these events certainly bring out the best in the people around us. Our staff team were all amazing in getting school safe and prepared for children to come in as normal, we received untold messages of support and offers of help from our families and members of our local community (sorry if we did not get back to everyone!), our PTFA quickly set up a funding page, which at the time of writing this stands at nearly £1600!!! We have also received cash donations and an amazing £190 from the staff and customers at The Swan, who donated the proceeds of their Quiz Night on Wednesday. I would just like to sincerely thank anyone who has got in touch with us to offer support and/or help or has been good enough to offer donations of any amount, we completely understand that times are difficult for some at the moment and we have been massively touched by everyone's kindness. Such a response from everyone just goes to further embed the reason why Fairfield is such an amazing place and the ideal environment for children to begin their love of learning! Thank you.



A big thank you to our PTFA who very quickly set up a funding page following our incident this week. We have been amazed by the response! If you would like to make a donation please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fairfield-first-school-ipad-fund>

WCC latest information

You can find the latest Worcestershire County Council information, support and guidance, during the latest national 'lockdown' at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus

For a brief rundown of the latest national lockdown rules please go to -

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-52530518?xtor=ES-208-37414_NEWS_NLB_+WK46_Thur_05_Nov\]-20201105-\[bbcnews_lockdownrules_newsexplainers_lockdownrules](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-52530518?xtor=ES-208-37414_NEWS_NLB_+WK46_Thur_05_Nov]-20201105-[bbcnews_lockdownrules_newsexplainers_lockdownrules)



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Self-isolation reminder for families

Please remember that if anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms everyone, including all children, **must** self-isolate until a test result is received:

- A negative result means children can return to school (unless they have been identified as a close contact of someone else)
- A positive test result means children must self-isolate at home for 14 days from the onset of symptoms or 14 days from the test date if the person was asymptomatic
- Self-isolation means that you **must not** leave your house for any reason

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Social Distancing

Please ensure that all of our families continue to follow the most recent social distancing guidelines when in and around the school community and stay at least 2 metres apart from people that you do not live with, where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings). **Children must stand next to their parent/carer at all times.** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

Hot dinners

It has been a somewhat frustrating return to hot meals this week! After spending many weeks organising procedures, completing Risk Assessments, purchasing new items and liaising with our caterers we feel let down with all of the confusion and inconvenience caused. I apologise, on behalf of our caterers for any unnecessary worry or wasted time in the ordering (or lack of ordering!) process. We hope that we have resolved many of the issues experienced this week. We will continue to monitor this service and make any necessary adjustments to ensure the offer is as best it can be. Thank you for your understanding and patience this week.

Can I remind all families that children in Oak, Beech and Holly are all eligible for a free meal, paid for by the government! If your circumstances have changed in recent months, you may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please follow the link for further information:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying-for-free-school-meals/2>

Physical Education

It has been great to see our children return to more structured PE sessions this week! Please remember to send your child/ren into school dressed in their [full PE kit](#) on the appropriate day. Unfortunately, due to the recent change in guidance we are unable to use the Recreation Ground for our sessions but all sessions will continue to take place outside, so children must have appropriate footwear. We also recommend a lightweight waterproof jacket/coat as sessions will continue to take place unless we experience extreme weather conditions.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Holly Class	Oak Class	Willow Class	Chestnut Class	Beech Class

PTFA Annual General Meeting

This will take place on Thursday 12th November, 7:30-8:30pm, via ZOOM. The link needed for the meeting will be sent out, via text, to all families on Thursday.

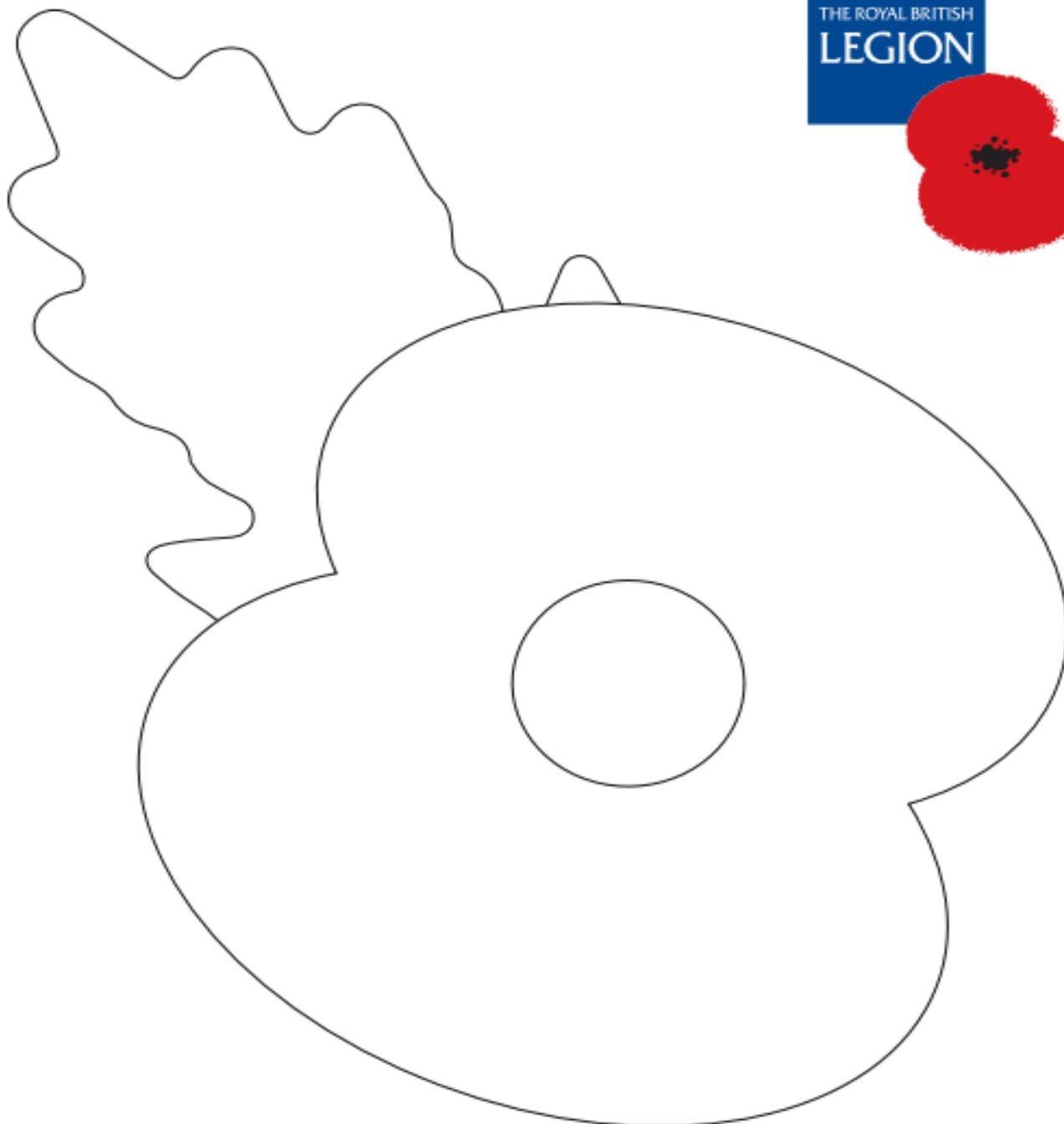
PTFA - Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who placed an order for these items, they will be sent home to families as we receive them. We were delighted with the response and the PTFA should be very proud to have taken over £1500 in orders.



Remembrance Day

Next Wednesday (11th November) we will be commemorating Remembrance Day by asking our children to come to school wearing their own clothes and something **RED**. We will still observe our one-minute silence together, via Zoom, but unfortunately, this year, we will not have poppies in school for children to purchase. We will however place a box on the playground for families to make any donations to this very worthwhile cause.



EVERY **POPPY** COUNTS

World Kindness Day

On Wednesday we had a special Zoom assembly to introduce Kindness Month. On 13th November it is World Kindness Day. So, until then, the children will be looking out for acts of kindness and nominating their kind classmates. Maybe children could think of a kind act to do at home or in the community during this new lockdown and let us know how you get on by tweeting and sending images to our [Twitter account](#) tagging us @Fairfield_First



Daily Kind Acts



Tell someone how much you love them.

Help make dinner.

Feed the birds.

Leave a happy note somewhere for someone to find.

Teach someone something new.

Give someone a hug to show how much you care.

Smile at everybody.

Make a get-well card for someone.

Tidy your bedroom without being asked.

Give someone a compliment.

Write a list of things you are grateful for.

Make someone else's bed (as well as your own).

Pick up some litter.



Tell someone three things you love about them.

Do something nice for a neighbour.

Drink lots of water. It's much easier to be kind when you feel healthy and energetic.

Write and send a letter to someone.

Complain less (or not at all)!

Leave something on the doorstep for a next-door neighbour.

Make a positivity poster.

Remember to say please and thank you.

Use less energy to be kind to our planet.

Draw a picture for a friend, neighbour or family member.

Tell a joke, watch a silly video or do something that makes you and others laugh!

Recycle paper. Try to be as inventive and creative as you can with it!

Share something you love with a friend or family member.

Say good morning and goodnight to everyone in your household.

Hide little messages around the house for others to find.

Offer to help a family member with something.

Practice self-kindness by doing something you enjoy.





Stars of the Week



Oak Class

Matilda

William

Beech Class

Francesca

Luen

Holly Class

Evie H

Joshua

Chestnut Class

Isabella

Iris

Willow Class

Harrison

Olly



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Good Afternoon,

Due to the new Government announcement made this week, we must close our doors at 5pm on Wednesday 4th November. The shop will remain closed until 2nd December or when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted

Government Guidelines state that as a non-essential retailer we can remain open for deliveries or click and collect collections.

If any parents do require school uniform or just have general enquiries they can email us on sales@schooldays-bromsgrove.co.uk and we will reply by return.

Parents are able to order full uniform on line at www.schooldays-bromsgrove.co.uk and all orders are despatched within 24 hours from date of the order.

We hope that you all keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all back in store once the latest lock down restrictions are lifted.

All the independent business in Bromsgrove appreciate the ongoing support from our customers and it is important in these difficult and challenging times to try and protect our high street.

Once again, we look forward to seeing you all in store hopefully on December 2nd.

Kind regards

All the team at Schooldays

5th November 2020

Would you have kept your child off school before COVID?

Yes

Keep your child off school

No

Do they have:

- A new continuous cough
- A fever (high temperature over 38°C using a thermometer)
- A complete loss or change of smell or taste?

Yes

Keep your child off school and at home (and siblings)

Speak to 119 or go to the www.gov.uk/coronavirus website and arrange for a self-test to be done

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test

No

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition such as:

- Cystic fibrosis
- Immunodeficiency/immunosuppression
- Recipient of solid organ transplant
- Taking long-term steroids taken in tablet form (not including inhaler)
- Any heart problems requiring input from paediatric cardiologist
- Any blood disorders such as sickle cell disease or thalassaemia
- Neurological issues such as myotonic dystrophy, mitochondrial disorders leading to difficulties swallowing

Full list of vulnerable conditions available at: <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-shielding-guidance-children-young-people#children-who-are-clinically-extremely-vulnerable>

Yes

Seek advice from your child's specialist health team

No

Kids who are otherwise well with:

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

Can go to school **AS NORMAL**