

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Remembrance Sunday

Every year we are honoured to be invited to take part in the Heald Green Remembrance Service. It is traditional for the Head Boy and Head Girl to lay the wreath on behalf of Etchells Primary School. This year Charlotte and Frankie were accompanied by Mr Malone and did a fantastic job. I was pleased to receive such positive feedback about their conduct and how respectful they were. I am also told that the cubs and beavers from Etchells were also a credit to our school. Well done everybody!



## Clubs

All of the after school extra-curricular clubs will be finishing week ending 2nd December. The exception to this will be choir, who will be having their last session on Thursday 8th December. Please come and see them perform during the Christmas Fair in the school hall at 6.20pm before the raffle is called.

Booking for Spring Term clubs will be open next week - we will let you know when on-line booking becomes live. New members are welcome to join the choir in January, but please note this will be the last time choir can be joined this academic year as we will be working towards a performance in the summer term. Outdoor clubs will resume again after Easter when the weather and light conditions have improved.





A huge thank you to everyone who came to school today with spotty accessories. The donations raised a fantastic £200 for Children in Need. As a school we like to support a range of charities and develop our pupils' awareness of the importance of charity work.

## COOL TO BE KIND ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 14-18 NOVEMBER 2016

This week all classes in school have been talking and thinking about bullying as part of the national Anti-Bullying week. Whilst we do PSHE activities all year round which include work on bullying, a greater emphasis is placed on awareness during this particular week. The children have been writing poems and stories, designing posters, taking part in drama, joining up with different age groups to explore the issues and understand what bullying actually means. Next week we will be having a special assembly to share all the work that has been done and to really drive home the message that it is 'Cool to be kind' and bullying is not accepted in our school. Our Bullying Policy is incorporated into our Behaviour Policy which can be found on the website.



## Reminders

- We have a lot of sickness and diarrhoea bugs around at the moment. All schools are bound by a 48 hour rule in relation to illnesses of this type. Children are not allowed back to school within 48 hours of the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea due to the contagious nature of these bugs. We have had to send children back home this week after they have returned to school the next day. Please respect this rule and help to keep the spread of these illnesses to a minimum.
- We have also had an increase in the number of head lice cases in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat quickly. It is easily managed if treatment is given promptly and according to instructions.
- Water bottles: more children are bringing juice to school in their water bottles. We only allow WATER to be drunk during the day. Continued drinking of juice can cause tooth decay and if spilt, is difficult to clear up. Water is the healthy option and keeps our learners' brains hydrated!
- Please remember coats, hats and gloves for the chillier playtimes. We will still continue to go outside at break and lunchtime unless the rain is too heavy.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

