4th November 2014

Dear Parent/s and Carers

This year we will be recognising Armistice Day in school, and holding a series of events to mark the day and remember those who have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

We will hold an assembly of remembrance on Tuesday 11th November at 9:10am in our school hall. Father Mervyn will lead the service and we have invited residents from Cornish House care home, members of the British Legion, Air Cadets and members from the RAF at Brize Norton to join our service. During the assembly, several of our children will sing wartime songs. The school will observe a two-minute silence. Following the assembly, our Year 6 pupils will attend the Remembrance Service at Chipping Norton War Memorial. Children who are members of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts are welcome to come to school dressed in their uniform on this day.

To commemorate 100 years since WW1 several of our Key Stage 2 children have painted poppy-themed pictures on canvas and Key Stage 1 children made poppies. These will be displayed in the school from Wednesday 5th November onwards. Later in the year we will donate the paintings to the British Legion and Cornish House care home. All artwork will be displayed in the hall – please do pop in to see the wonderful designs.

We are very fortunate that the Woodland Trust have donated over one hundred trees to commemorate the centenary of World War 1 to Holy Trinity School. As part of our remembrance, the children will be planting trees around the perimeter of the school grounds. We would like to ask parents to join us with this activity and would like to invite you into school on the afternoon of 11th November from 1:15pm to help plant the trees. Please send your child to school on this day with **a named pair of wellingtons and waterproofs**. If you are coming to help, please could you bring a spade! If you have younger children who are not yet at the school, you are more than welcome to bring them to this activity. Thank you to Toparius Garden Design and Mr Matt Jackman for his support with this event. Also, Chipping Norton Tool Hire, the Green Gym and staff from The Coop in Chipping Norton.

We hope to create a wonderful day of remembrance for both the children and wider school community.

Kind regards

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