

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD**

Wow - what a busy time we have had! I hope you enjoy reading all about everything that has been happening in school: Year Two's visit from the fire service, the remembrance parade, the book fair and everything to do with anti-bullying week. Today the children have all had a real 'rock' experience with an assembly and workshop, so keep your eyes peeled for information coming your way about that next week. On top of all that, the children are enjoying their nonschool uniform day for Children in Need. Here is the link for the donation page <u>https://www.justgiving.com/</u> <u>fundraising/maple-tree</u> in case you missed it!

I would like to give special thanks to the school staff for organising these events that enrich and add to the main curriculum that we teach—they really make it special and memorable for the children.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

#### Year 2 'Great Fire of London' Experience

Aspen Class have had a very busy term so far, learning all about The Great Fire of London. They have discovered all about the history, what occurred and the reasons why and have enjoyed every moment. The children have spent the last couple of weeks learning about Tudor homes and how they were made and in their DT lessons have designed their own version. They used their plan to create their house using cereal boxes and straw. The highlight of this was receiving a visit from Sandy fire station who not only came out to teach fire safety but to set the homes on fire. The flames ignited and the class sang 'London's burning' while their homes burned. As a final treat they were all given a chance to hold the hose and put out the fire. It was a fantastic morning and the children all thoroughly enjoyed it.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY



Friday 25th November Year 6 Bletchley Park Trip

Sunday 27th November Sandy Christmas Light Switch On and Christmas Tree Festival at St Swithun's Church Tuesday 30th November 9.30am New Parent Tour Thursday 2nd December Year 4 Roman Baths trip Tuesday 7th December 9.05-9.30am Y6 Class Assembly Weds 8th December 9.05-9.30am Y5 Class Assembly Thursday 9th December 1.30pm New Parent Tour Friday 10th December 9.05-9.30am Y4 Class Assembly Monday 13th December 9.05-9.30am Y3Class Assembly Monday 13th December 11am Berries Class Assembly Tuesday 14th December 9.05-9.30am Y2 Class Assembly Weds 15th December 9.05-9.30am Y1 Class Assembly Thursday 16th December 9.05-9.30am ReceptionClass Assembly

Thursday 16th December Christmas Dinner Friday 17th December Term Ends

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Book fair This week the children have been

visiting the book fair with their classes to pick the books that they would like to purchase. Keep an

eye out for the forms that they are bringing home to show you which book they would like, you then pay online and we deliver the book to your child next week.



#### **Remembrance Day Parade**

Representatives from our Pupil Parliament took part in the Remembrance Day Parade last Sunday. Finally being able to come together as one community, made this morning even more poignant. The girls looked extremely smart and were a credit to their parents and our school community.



#### **Christmas Tree Festival**

Maple Tree will once again be joining Sandy Parish Church for their annual Christmas Tree Festival. The trees will be on display from 28th November to 5th December. Each class is creating one decoration each based around our school values.

Help needed: Does anyone have any blue or gold tinsel that they are willing to donate for us to decorate our pallet tree?



Attendance Award	
Mulberries (Pre-School) Blossoms 100% 🔆	Fir (YR) 88%
Yew (Y1) 87%	Aspen (Y2) 89%
Hawthorn (Y3) 90%	Poplar (Y4) 83%
Rowan (Y4) 87%	Cherry (Y5) 88%
Elder (Y6) 86%	Our target is 97%

# **ONE** KIND WORD

## **Anti-bullying Week 2021**





We kicked off Anti-bullying week on Monday with a whole school assembly exploring this years theme of 'One Kind Word'. I have uploaded this assembly as a powerpoint for parents and carers to view on our website, you can find it by <u>clicking here.</u>

The classes have all marked Anti-bullying week in different ways, which we will look at closely in a minute, but we also did a whole school activity under the theme 'One Kind word'. Children in Mulberries and Fir looked at examples of kind words that they can use, Yew and Aspen explored compliments, Hawthorn, Poplar and Rowan looked at ways to spread kindness and Cherry and Elder explored the impact that kind words can have on people. These were written on bricks to build a wall of Kindness. Look at the amazing examples below!



Aspen Class played a game of round robin, in which they looked at the person on the table next to them and gave them a kind word that came to mind when they thought of them. This was lovely and they all shared some fantastic and positive kind words.



Years 3,4,5 and 6 were lucky enough to receive a 'one kind word' work-

shop this week. See the wonderful photos on the next page. Two year fives had the following to say about it:

"In the anti-bullying workshop, we did activities about how to be kind and how to say nice things to each other. One of the activities was where we acted out a bullying story with a negative outcome and we had to change the story to give it a positive outcome. We also did an activity where we were next to someone and we had to race against time to give a compliment to someone else in our class before the other person next to them beat us to it. All classes enjoyed participating in the activities because they were filled to the brim with kindness! "By Aidan and Cora in Cherry class.

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