

Wildmoor Heath School Newsletter

25th November 2016

Christmas Doorstep Challenge

Last year, several of our generous parents suggested a local 'doorstep challenge'. This was specifically for WHS families whose financial circumstances mean that finding 'extras' for Christmas was very difficult. It proved to be a great success, and those families who received a bag of goodies were extremely appreciative and very grateful.

We are hoping all you 'Wildmoor Heath Angels' will be able to help make Christmas happy and special for our families by donating a Christmassy item:- a voucher, chocolates, biscuits, crackers, clothing (scarves, gloves and hats). In fact - anything that would help a family to have a 'Happier Christmas'.



You may wish to donate bag of goodies, or just an item. If you are able to help, please can you drop off all items or bags to the school office by Friday 9th December and we will deliver them to families the following week. If you are aware of any families who you feel would appreciate a goody bag for Christmas, please contact Carol Talbot, confidentially, on 01344 772034 or email fsa@wildmoorheath.bracknell-forest.sch.uk

Stay Safe: Be Bright – Be Seen!



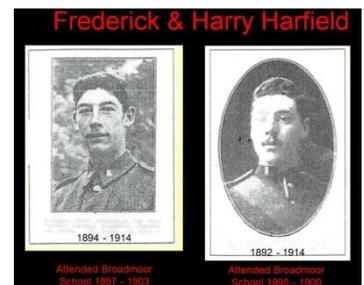
Well done to everyone who dressed brightly in cool gear on Wednesday as part of the 'Be Bright – Be Seen' campaign run by the Department for Transport (<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/pupils/>). We want every child who bikes, scoots or walk to school to be safe on these dark, wintery mornings and evenings, so please keep it up!

Armistice and Remembrance Days

At 11.00am on Friday 11th November, children and staff stood in silence to remember all those who fought and died in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. We also thanked the men and women who have or are currently serving in our armed forces, which include some of our school community. In particular, we



remembered the 22 former pupils of Broadmoor School who died during World War 1. The children learnt about brothers Frederick and Harry Harfield. They were born in Crowthorne in 1892 and 1894 respectively and their father worked at the then 'Broadmoor Asylum' as an attendant. Harry attended Broadmoor School 1895-1900 and Frederick 1897-1903 before finishing their education at 'Crowthorne School'. Both joined the army in their teens, with Harry rising to become a Lance Sergeant. The brothers were both killed in 1914 during the Battle of Ypres.



Two Year 6s then read 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. After our assembly, Year 6 placed a wreath of poppies under our memorial. On Sunday, we were represented at the Remembrance Service at St John's Church by Dylan Applin (Year 6) who placed a wreath at the Lynch Gate on behalf of the children, staff and governors. I have been asked by the Crowthorne Branch of the Royal British Legion to thank everyone who bought and wore a poppy this year.

Saturday 26th November 2016

12.30pm to 3.30pm



Support your PTA

Christmas Activities

With just over 3 weeks until the end of term (last day is Tuesday 20th December), it's a good moment to remind you of what we have planned for Christmas. Firstly, don't forget that tomorrow is the PTA's Christmas Fayre (12.30pm – 3.30pm)! Please make every effort to attend as every penny raised is used to make the school a better place and provide great experiences for your children!

Tue 13 Dec: Christmas Concert (9.30am)
Wed 14 Dec: Reindeers Visiting (AM)
Wed 14 Dec: Christmas Concert (6.30pm)
Thu 15 Dec: Year 6 French Market (2.00pm)
Fri 16 Dec: Year R Nativity Play (9.30am)
Fri 16 Dec: Christmas Dinner **(NB. Change of Date)**
(Christmas Jumper Day!)
Mon 19 Dec: Class Christmas Parties
Tue 20 Dec: Year R / Year 1 visiting the Pantomime

Our thanks, as ever, for the PTA's financial support with the reindeer visit and trip to the pantomime.



The School Council have chosen to support Save the Children's [Christmas Jumper Day](#) for this year's Charity appeal. We hope children (and staff) will wear festive clothing for Christmas Lunch on Friday 16th December and donate at least £1.00 for doing so.

We are a Rights Respecting School!

We have been awarded Level 1 of the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). One of UNICEF UK's assessors spent the day with us talking to children, staff, governors and parents about how we promote the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Achieving Level 1 means we are explicitly embedding the UNCRC in our policy, practice and culture, promoting knowledge and understanding of the Convention throughout our school community and most importantly, our children are beginning to see themselves as rights-respecting global citizens and advocates for fairness and children's rights locally and globally. A big well done is due to all the children involved and who were interviewed (particularly the School Council). Our thanks to Mrs Loffhagen, who has led the project over the last year or so and to all those involved in the steering group.

Dates for Your Diary

(Please check website / School Comms for updates)

30 Nov 16 – St Andrew's Day
30 Nov 16 - Open Afternoon- Prospective YR Parents
4 Dec 16 – BF Carol Concert
5 Dec 16 - Year 6 Bikeability
15 Dec 16 – Year 6 French Market (2.00pm)
20 Dec 16 – Last Day of Autumn Term (usual finish time)
4 Jan 17 – First Day of Spring Term (usual start time)
18-19 Jan 17 – Parent Consultations
9-10 Feb 17 – INSET (School Development Conference)



REACHING for our BEST

Respect - Everyone - Achievement - Courage - Helpful & Caring – Individuality - Never Give Up - Go for It!

