



HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES - If you would like your child to purchase a poppy we will be selling them next week in school in advance of Remembrance Sunday (14th November). Please send money into school with your child (suggested donation at least 20p).

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY / PUDSEY BEAR DAY- On Friday 19th November we will be taking part in Children in Need day. Your child can come to school dressed in yellow / Pudsey theme. Please make donations to Children in Need through Parent Pay.

STAFF TRAINING DAY REMINDER

Monday 22nd November is a staff training day. The school will be closed to children.

FOOTBALL SUCCESS! - The girls' team played at East Durham College yesterday afternoon and came 2nd out of 12 teams. Mr Sutherland and Mr Dixon reported that every one of the nine girls from Year 5 and 6 had an impact and not one of them complained about the cold (it was very chilly!) They returned with runners up medals. Well done girls, you have made us all very proud.

The boys' team has also started the season well with some exceptional playing and great results. There are no more games until after the new year but the signs are promising for a successful rest of the season. Well done boys!

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY – There is one vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in this position please contact the school to show an expression of interest.

CAR PARK REMINDER – Despite new signage, we are still having problems in the car parks outside of the school grounds. These are not our responsibility as they are not within the school boundary however we would like to remind drivers to park responsibly and avoid parking on pavements near to the school entrances. There have been several near misses already this term and reports of parents and pupils walking behind reversing cars. Please use the paths wherever possible to try to keep everyone safe. Please also be patient and courteous when driving in and out of the car park. There is a lot of traffic and even with the staggered entry and exit times there is a lot of traffic.

AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTION

Please send your bags of unwanted clean clothes to school on Friday 26th November.

HEALTHY SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCHES

Reminder that children in KS1 are given a piece of free fruit each morning. Older children can bring in a healthy snack, ideally a piece of fruit, a healthy cereal bar, but no crisps or chocolate bars please. Catering advice from Durham County Council encourages children to eat healthily at lunchtime with a balance of savoury items such as sandwiches or wraps, salad, fruit and yoghurt. Crisps and chocolate biscuits are fine for a treat but are not recommended every day.

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Mrs Adair. Head teacher.**