



Infant School Newsletter Monday 7th November 2016



Thank you to everyone who attended our Bonfire and Firework Night on Saturday. The display was amazing and we were lucky enough to have fantastic weather for the event. A huge thank you to everyone who helped, school staff, PTA and the amazing firework team. It is a huge project to organise and a super fundraiser for the school.

This week is Remembrance week, we will be:

- Participating in the national 2 minutes silence on Friday
- Reading and discussing the story of 'The Little Red Hen and the Great War'
- Writing a diary extract about the trenches and the conditions
- Writing a postcard home from soldier in the war
- Writing a factual account of why we have Remembrance and the significance of Poppies
- Investigating number bonds and developing our calculations in Maths
- Developing our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Investigating different materials in science
- Sounding out and blending in phonics
- Learning the songs for our Christmas Production

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously at Overstone; if you have any concerns regarding a child in the school please speak to Mrs France, who is our Safeguarding Officer or Mrs Sim, who is our Deputy Safeguarding Officer. Mrs Michelle Sutton, our Chair of Governors is our Safeguarding Governor. Our website has lots of information for parents and children with regard to Safeguarding, including information on how to help your child understand how to stay safe online. At the beginning of the term, all of the children in the Infant School took part in the NSPCC Pantosaurus lessons about appropriate and inappropriate behaviour and acceptable boundaries. In the next few weeks we will be participating in an assembly with a speaker from the NSPCC as part of their 'Stay Safe, Speak Out' initiative.

Alongside this newsletter we have attached the NSPCC documents for Parents linked to the Pantosaurus lessons; this will give you an opportunity to be aware of the themes discussed at school with your child and allow you to discuss inappropriate behaviour and boundaries. We have also attached the posters that your child will be familiar with from the lessons in school. On the NSPCC site there are some excellent resources linked to this topic and the Pantosaurus song and video for your children to watch along with a short quiz for your child to complete with you at home. (We have completed this at school but it would be good for the children to complete this with a parent also). If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us in the **strictest confidence**.

Poppies for Sale

Poppies will be on sale in school this week, we ask for a donation for the paper poppies, the rubber wristbands and small metal poppy badges are £1 and £2 for the slap bands and bracelets. Please be aware that there are limited supplies of these items, so items will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please can children bring their money in a SEALED NAMED envelope into the classroom. The poppies are brought around the school on a daily basis all week by the Year 6 pupils.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th November
Friday 18th November
Tuesday 22nd November

Phonics Open Morning Session
Children in Need - wear your pyjamas to school for £1
Open Classrooms

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

The Infant School team

