October 19th 2018

Dear Parent,

Another busy week in the life of Hay School and such a contrast to the weather from last week!

KS2 have had brilliant trips to Brecon and the children looked amazing in their evacuee outfits! Thank you! The children are really enjoying the topic of WW1 and WW2 and this visit helped to bring it to life.

Y5 and Y6 have made some poppies this week for Cusop church, as part of their “Poppies for Cusop” event and they will be displayed from next week and right up until the Remembrance service on November 18th.

Hay Remembrance Sunday falls on November 11th this year and pupils are welcome to join in the march through the town and into the church for the service. The march starts at 2.30pm so please meet at the clock tower for 2.15pm. Two Y6 pupils will be chosen to lay the wreath on behalf of the school.

We do our best to teach the children about global issues and to be environmentally aware and I am delighted to tell you that from November 5th, we will be changing our milk delivery for the FP from small plastic bottles to glass bottles, which we can then wash and return. We currently use over 200 small plastic bottles a week, so we will be able to do a huge amount to reduce our plastic footprint on the environment.

Thank you to all of you who have used parent pay for breakfast club. Could we just politely remind you to please keep up to date with payments, as this money covers the staff wages.

All the deposits for the residential trips are due by 26th October. Please see Mrs Llewellyn if you have questions about this or are experiencing problems with parent pay. Thank you.

The town council are launching a poster competition for our children. They want to stop the bus shelters being covered in graffiti and thought that if they had large colourful posters on them, it would brighten up the town. The theme is very general and perhaps something which promotes Hay. They need to be colourful and the winning entries will be enlarged and put up in the bus shelters. There could be up to 6 winners so get your thinking caps on and your felt pens and paints out!! If entries could be in by November 7th, that gives you the half term week too.

Next week, I will not be in school as I am working as part of an inspection team, which I do each year. It gives me the opportunity to see good practice in other schools as well as prepare our school for an inspection and we are expecting the call this year, as the last inspection here was in 2012. Mrs Wright will be available if any issues arise.

Last week, we entered 4 teams (2 girls/2 boys) in a football tournament and one of the girl teams have got through to the second round. Well done! They will be playing on Wednesday 24th in Brecon – good luck girls!

Y6 will be visiting Ireland Moor with Catherine Kramer and Wayland Boulanger on Wednesday 24th for a story telling and natural history session. This is a follow on from the visits last year and funding is provided, so no cost to school. Hopefully, the weather will be like yesterday!

Harvest festival will be on Thursday 25th at 2.15pm and parents are welcome to celebrate with us. The main doors will open at 2pm once staff have set up the hall after lunch. Donations this year are for the foodbank and they have asked specifically for tinned vegetables, bottles of squash and anti-perspirant for men and women. However, any gifts of dried food will be gratefully received. Please can you send in any donations next week – thank you.

The PTFhAy pumpkin party will be on Thursday 25th at 4.30-6pm for all children. A schoop will come out next week with full details. Don’t forget that pumpkins will be on sale this Friday and Monday after school!

We have very kindly been left £500 in the will of a gentleman called Leslie Newton. He was an art lover and has specified that the money is spent on art. We have had a discussion as a school and thought that we would like to put the money towards a permanent piece of art that will last for many years. We have brought the old plaque with us and feel that something old and something new would fit perfectly. We would very much like all our children to be involved and to involve a local artist if possible. I would be very grateful if any of you know any local artists who I could contact, so that we can put this very generous gift to good use soon and start to plan what this artwork will look like. Thank you.

We break up for half term on Friday 26th October and return on November 5th.

**Stars of the week are as follows:**

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| Reception / Year 1 | Ted |
| Year 1 / Year 2 | Martha |
| Year 3 | Brooke |
| Year 4 | Anna |
| Year 5 | Charlie |
| Year 6 | Jenna |

**Dinner menu for week commencing 22nd October is as follows:-**

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| Monday  | Lamb Grill |
| Tuesday  | Roast Chicken Dinner |
| Wednesday | Homemade beef bolognaise |
| Thursday | Roast Dinner |
| Friday | Fish & Chips |

\* Full menu can be found in the reception foyer

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs B