

Acle St Edmund C of E Primary School

Newsletter



13 November 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Rebecca Clarke

Message from Mrs Clarke

Dear All,

Since joining the school, I have been amazed by the polite manners, compassion and respect that the children at Acle Primary show. When I walk down the corridors, or see the children, I am welcomed by a sea of smiley faces and children who greet me, ask how I am and who are interested and excited to show me their learning. It is a joy to be part of the school community!

We continue to focus on our vision, *'from a tiny seed....all things are possible'*, which is evidenced in the way all members of our school staff have a firm belief in every child succeeding. This week, I wanted to shine the spotlight on our wonderful catering team. The kitchen staff go above and beyond to provide a healthy, well-thought out and presented, delicious meal for the children. I have had the pleasure of having lunch from the kitchen team and can say, from my experience of visiting and working in many primary schools, it is the BEST I have ever had! The kitchen staff thoughtfully consider the children when designing the menu and ensure each child has a filling lunch, which is a key ingredient for children to succeed in their learning in the afternoon. Thank you Tracy and Lyndsey.

This week, we have been learning about Remembrance Day. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter about what the children have learnt.

Many thanks,
Mrs Clarke



What a super response to our Christmas shoebox appeal with almost 70 boxes packed with beautiful gifts!

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting this cause, which will make a such a difference to so many childrens Christmas.

There is still time to donate shoeboxes next week if you haven't managed to get yours in this week.

Grace Abel and Jackie Ritchie from FOSA are hoping (covid permitting) to go down to the packing centre in December and help sort and load the shoeboxes onto the lorries.





Lest We Forget

It was Remembrance Day on Wednesday and the children have been reflecting on the meaning behind Remembrance Day and talking about why this is important to so many, and why the poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day.

'During WW1, much of the fighting in Western Europe turned previously beautiful landscapes into barren muddy scenes where very little could grow. There was a striking exception - the bright red Flanders poppies. These flowers flourished despite so much destruction, growing in their thousands.

A Canadian doctor, John McCrae was moved by the sight of these poppies and they inspired him to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'. This poem in turn inspired an American academic, named Moina Michael, to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She campaigned to get it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across a number of countries and, as a result, a French woman, Anna Guérin met Earl Haig, founder of the Royal British Legion. He was persuaded in 1921 to adopt the poppy as an emblem for the Legion in the UK, and the first poppies were sold that year.' So next year will be the hundredth anniversary of the first poppies being sold.

We have always supported Remembrance Day and we were pleased to be able to arrange for the children in their bubbles to donate to the Poppy Appeal in exchange for Poppies this year. We will let you know once the British Legion representative provides us with the total we have raised. We know they are always very grateful for your support.



Year 2 made paper poppies in the style of Christine Perret.



Year 3's beautiful poppy wreath, lovely teamwork!



Year 1 have been painting pictures of poppies. We think they are fabulous!



Reminder – at the end of the day, please can Year 1 parents (who do not have children in Reception), not enter the Reception playground area until the Reception children have been collected. Thank you.

Joe Wicks 24 hr PE Challenge

Year 4 joined in with Joe for the last part of his 24 hour PE challenge in aid of Children in Need. Due to limited space, they joined in seated at their desks, but still enthusiastically joined in and received a lovely oxygen boost to their brain ready for learning!



Food bank

If you need support and would benefit from a food parcel, you can get in touch with Acle & District Foodbank, which delivers parcels to families in Acle and all the surrounding villages.

They have a facebook page, Acle Foodbank, where you can message privately, or a dedicated phone number 07507 397227, where you can leave a message. All details are kept strictly private and only the person taking the messages, and the person delivering the parcels will know any details.

Norfolk County Council operates a Norfolk Assistance Scheme which can help with daily living expenses, food, household items, fuel, essential toiletries etc... on 01603 223392 Option 5, or www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS
Broadland District Council operates a Help Hub on 01508 533933 with an online application form at <https://www.broadland.gov.uk/broadlandhelphub>

Acle and Upton Parish Councils

War and Peace - Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been thinking about War and Peace and how we would describe these using our senses. Here are some of the ideas that the children came up with:

Peace smells like.....

Early spring
Fresh cakes coming out of the oven

Peace sounds like

A blossom tree on a hill on a breezy day
Birds tweeting

Peace feels like

A lovely warm sunny day
Relaxing in the park

Peace tastes like

Lovely candy floss
Christmas cake

War smells like

Burnt wood
Grey smoke

War sounds like

Bombs exploding
Angry people shouting

War feels like

A bad tummy ache
The ground shaking

War tastes like

Dirt and mud
Burnt sausages

Parents' evenings

If you haven't already booked your parents' evening appointment. Please book through Pupil Asset (either using the App or through the web page www.pupilasset.com).

Rainbow certificates

RS	Elsa & Charlie	★
1L	Logan & Joshua	★
2T	Zak & Sophia	★
3M	Emily	★
4B	Poppy & Matthew	★
5HT	Harry, Sonny & Eva	★
6LO	Sian & Naomi	★

Norfolk Libraries

Although the libraries are closed at present, the service is still offering activities during lockdown.

Accessing books

You can still join the library by visiting: <https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/LOGINB?HOMEPRMS=GENPARAMS> Your details will be sent to you by email, with a card to follow in the post.

Joining the library gives you access to a large range of audio books and eBooks for children and adults. You can download them online at norfolk.overdrive.com or using the Libby app. All e-downloads are free, and there are no reservation charges or overdue charges. If you need help to get started you can email libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Need so ideas to get you started? Our [YouTube Channel](#) has videos of library staff talking about their favourite books, as does the [National Shelf Service Channel](#), created by librarians nationwide during the first lockdown. We'll be posting recommendations on our Facebook page daily to help you get inspired.

Still need help? Send us a message via [Norfolk Libraries for Families](#) and our librarian team will recommend some books for you.

Things to do

- For under 5s- every week on [Facebook](#) we share a picture book story at 12pm on Mondays. The story is available all week for you to watch back, and we suggest some fun activities you can do linked to the story.
- Also for younger children- we share a weekly Rhyme Time on Tuesdays at 10am on both [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#), with all the previous ones available online to watch too.
- Our online Lego Club sets you a new challenge every other Wednesday at 4.30pm and the next new challenge will be on Wednesday 18 November. You can check out our past challenge videos too on [Facebook](#).
- Saturday morning story club begins on November 21st. Each week, we'll share a new chapter of a festive tale. Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for updates.
- Our Zoom storywriters club is for children 8-11 to chat about story ideas and writing and meets every Friday at 4.15pm. If your child would like to join please contact libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk
- We're adding new code clubs for children aged 8-11. If you'd like to register your interested please contact libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Sonny and George in Year 5 are completing a triathlon in December to raise money to help a friend who needs life changing surgery.

You can donate/sponsor them on their to their JustGiving page (set up by Sonny's dad) by clicking the link below: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/darren-butler6?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=darren-butler6&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=3b52b90c69d54f129f08c995e29646ab

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Just4Children, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

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