

WHADDON NEWS

Remembrance Day

On the morning of the 11th November, we all walked to the Memorial in the churchyard. The older children had written prayers on the poppies they had made and the younger ones said a little private prayer as they laid their poppies down at the foot of the memorial. We read the names of the soldiers who had lost their lives so bravely whilst serving



their country. As the clock struck 11 o'clock, we then observed 2 minutes of silence in remembrance of them. The teachers were very proud of the children as they behaved thoughtfully and sensitively on such an important occasion.



Plea to Parents

We are lucky to now have 4 volunteers who give up a morning each week to hear children read and help them to progress in their learning. If we could just have 1 more parent, it would mean the children who need a bit more practise with their reading would be heard every day. This would make a real impact on their progress. If you are able to spare a couple of hours per week, please let us know. Training and support will be given.

Golden Awards

Well done to all the children who have achieved their Golden Award!!!

Week 1

FS: Molly Adams
Year 1: Oliver Carter
Indiana Wilsher
Year 2: George Carter
Theresa-Marie Wilsher

Week 2

FS: Harriet Mitchell
Year 1: Charlie Bonson
Alice Kinns
Year 2: Stella Meredith
Freddie Cox

Wrap-around Care

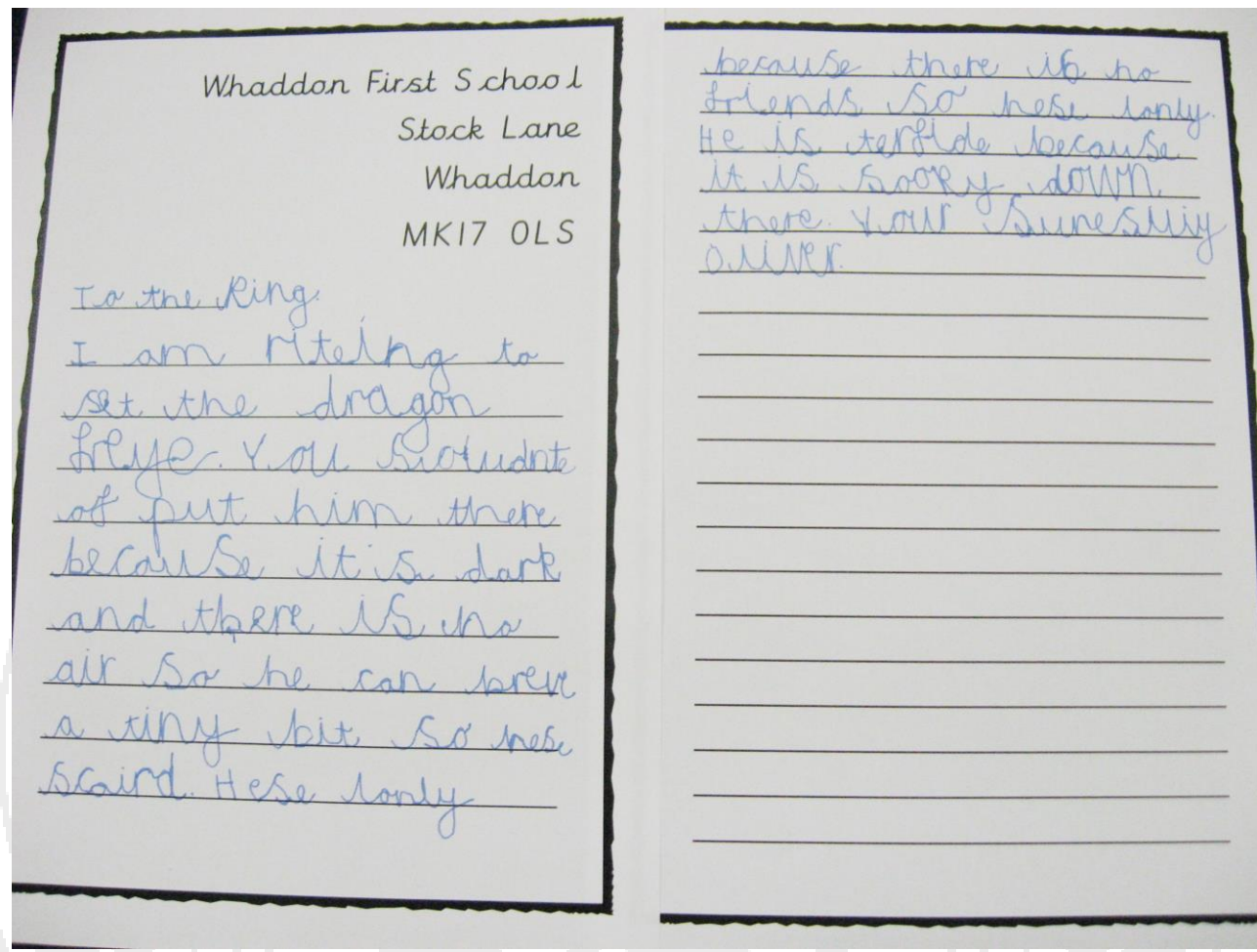
There are only 4 more days to be able to complete the short survey to let us know whether you would find Breakfast Club and/or after-school care helpful. Please take 5 minutes out to do this as we will then have a more accurate picture as to whether it is needed or not and so whether this is a possibility.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/76KPRLS>

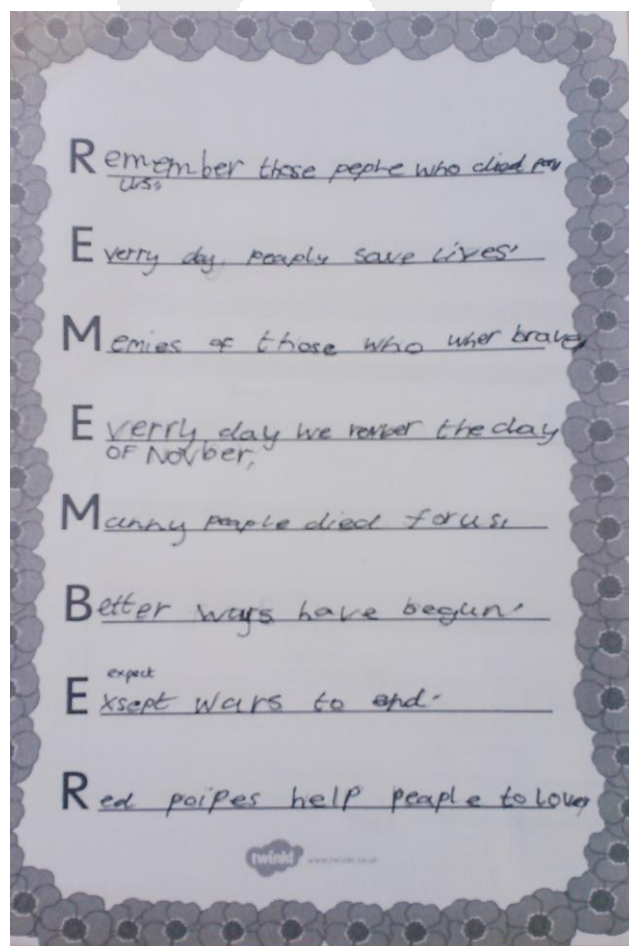
Year 1 and 2 parents...

Please keep an eye out when you go through book bags this week for information about Guided Reading. This will be accompanied by a short film on our website, which we hope you will find informative and useful.

Year 1 Work to be proud of – by Oliver Carter



Year 2 Work to be proud of – by Zack Garland



Foundation Stage News

We have had some rainy days this week and the children have had more time indoors than they would like. We enjoyed stories in the cosy book corner and building a ship in the classroom. We sailed away to the land of Tyrone where everything was a circus and chicken nuggets grew on trees. The children used some umbrellas to go out and explore the rain. They realised holes in umbrellas were not really a good idea. This led to learning about waterproof materials and where rain comes from. Perfectly timed – the sun came out and a rainbow appeared, so we sang a rainbow song.



The children discovered the pumpkin was ready to be picked and they made a Jack-o-lantern out of it. They all kept a seed and set out to make their seed grow. I wonder which one will be successful?!



Diwali and Children in Need

Friday 11th November was very eventful indeed. Not only did we think about Remembrance day and hold our own little service, the children had also come in to school dressed up to raise money for Children in Need. £59 pounds was raised in total. They were very colourful and entertaining in their costumes and the children really enjoyed seeing each other's. They were aware that the day had a more serious message and spent time discussing why we sometimes need to raise money to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



This is also the time when Diwali is celebrated by people from the Hindu and Sikh faiths. We were very lucky to have a visitor, Mrs Kajal Wright in to talk to us and explain why Diwali is celebrated and the traditions that are followed by the people who celebrate it. The children thought many of these traditions reminded them of Christmas. They were able to try on some beautiful saris and tunics and then made Divas to light the way for Rama and Sita. The children also made traditional Diwali sweets using coconut and evaporated milk. Some of the children also created a Rangoli pattern with Mrs Wright. They went outside and drew this on the step of the classroom using coloured chalks. What a lovely way to end our full and exciting Friday.



FOWS

Coffee Morning

Come and join FOWS and other parents for a hot drink and biscuits on 27th November at the Chapel. You are welcome from 08:50am. All proceeds raised go to support your school.

Book Fair

The book fair was very popular last week. The children enjoyed looking through the books and choosing ones to buy. As well as encouraging children to develop a love of reading, the book fair also raises money for the school to purchase books. This time, we have made a grand total of: £90 for the school!

Auction of Promises

A huge thank you to those of you who supported the friends at the Auction of Promises on the 13th of November. It was superbly supported by the village community and it was heart-warming to see how much support there is for our lovely school. Also a huge thank you to Mark Carter who was the auctioneer and who did a superb job of running the auction which had a total of 38 lots. Not only was this a really fun evening but it also raised just over a whopping £2600!

As always thank you to the FoWS committee and Clare Garland who made this event possible.

Thank you Regards Michelle Thomson Chairperson FoWS

Dates for your Diaries

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Wednesday 25 th November	Deadline to order Tea-towels and Bags 4 Life	3:00pm	School Office
Friday 27 th November	Year 2 parent's open afternoon	1:30 – 2:30pm	Winslow School
Wednesday 2 nd December	Bags 2 School	8:40am	On the grass opposite school (number 31)
Sunday 6 th December	Christingle	6:00pm	St Mary's Church
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Play Dress-Rehearsal Parents with younger siblings welcome	2:00 pm	Village Hall
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Play Evening Performance	6:00 pm	Village Hall
Thursday 17 th December	Children's Christmas lunch and party	12:00pm	School Hall
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Carols Everyone welcome	1:30 pm	St Mary's Church
Friday 18 th December	End of Term	3:00pm	

Term	Open on the morning of	Close on the afternoon of
Autumn Term	Thursday 3 September	Friday 23 October
	Monday 2 November	Friday 18 December
Spring Term	Tuesday 5 January	Thursday 11 February
	Monday 22 February	Friday 24 March
Summer Term	Tuesday 12 April	Friday 27 May
	Tuesday 7 June	Thursday 21 July

*Schools will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 2 May 2016

Inset Dates

Wednesday 2nd September 2015

Monday 4th January 2016

Friday 12th February 2016

Monday 11th April 2016

Monday 6th June 201