

Newsletter ~ Term 2, Week 3

Remembrance Day



A report from one of our teachers...

Remembrance Day has been commemorated this year by children wearing their Cub and Brownie uniforms. The children also wore poppies and held a one-minute silence at 11am. One pupil commented, "We wear our poppies to remember the soldiers that have fought and died in the war." Another said, "Lots of poppies grew in the fields where there had been fighting so they help us to remember those who died." We are very proud of how respectful and thoughtful the children were in marking Remembrance Day and they showed great maturity in their reflections.



Wellbeing

A new helpful resource is available to aid parents and carers in talking to children about mental health issues. Please follow the link below:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/ollee/for-parents>

Parents' Evenings

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who helped make our new phone call format work so smoothly. We are aware that you had a time-limited slot so please do make sure that you Dojo teachers with any follow up questions or anything that you are unsure about after the phone call. We know you have not been able to see your children's books this year and we are trying to work out how we can manage this and comply with our Covid risk assessment.

Charitable Giving

A very big thank you and well done to all who contributed to the Children in Need fundraising on Friday, including our year 5 children who came up with Covid-safe ways of raising money! We will let you know the total in due course.

We have combined our Harvest and Advent fundraiser this year and have 2 projects running at the present time:

Project 1 - Clevedon Food Bank

Between now and the beginning of December, please could your child bring in some suitable items for the Christmas Gift Boxes which are donated to families in crisis? Clevedon Food bank has requested the following items:

1. Gifts for children aged 7-12 (the gifts would need to be new and unwrapped)
2. Christmas food items eg Christmas cake and boxes of biscuits.



Project 2 - CAFOD (Catholic Association for Overseas Development)

The children have been shown a film created by CAFOD showing families in need across the world who are suffering because of the corona virus. They heard how just £3 would provide facemasks for a family. Extra funds would provide hand sanitiser, health care and clean water for vulnerable communities.

Each class has been given a large plastic container which they hope to fill with small coins. During November and December please start collecting your loose change and send it into school with your child. Miss Parry will be providing a prize for the class that fills their container first! So, check your pockets, look under the cushions, search under your bed, empty out your handbag and see how many coins you can find. Let's see if together we can raise lots of money for those in need and help to save lives around the world.

Anti-Bullying Week

Children have been working this week on preventing bullying and learning how to deal with bullying when it occurs. This year, we have been helping children understand the differences between bullying and being mean. Our older children understand this very clearly but it's important that we work on helping our younger children understand the difference and that we as parents have a part to play.

We launched anti-bullying week with 'Odd Socks Day', which helped us all remember that we are all different, unique and loved by God as we are. Part of our job as friends and classmates is to celebrate difference and treat everyone with the respect with which we would expect from others.



Ofsted Update

We have been talking to the children this year about how safe they feel in school and how they feel about behaviour during lessons and at playtimes. We also ask our governors and advisers from outside our school to talk to children to ensure the work we are doing is 'quality assured'. Children are very positive in the feedback they give.

We would also appreciate your views, as parents and carers, on safeguarding and behaviour in the school and would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey which can be accessed by copying and pasting the address below into your search engine:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SiCI620yHEODHwef_nTmI43ZOciscHllpGJqkZPZxz9UMTFPVVZVTIRBUTQ2RVk0Qk9IV0o5MEVQMS4u

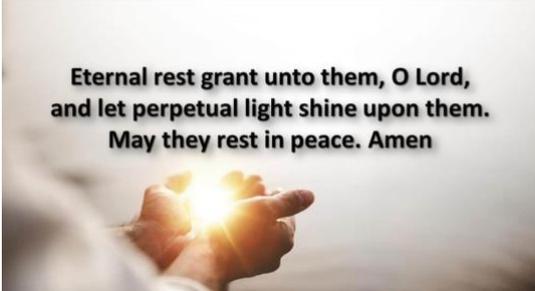
If you have more than one child in the school, you can do one survey for each child or submit one for the whole family.

And Finally

November is the month when the church reflects in particular on those who have 'gone before us marked with the sign of peace'. This week in school, we remembered the war dead. As a country, we are mourning the loss of the many who have died (and we might say before their time) from Coronavirus.

We pray for all families who have lost loved ones and remember those who have died.

Have a peaceful and safe weekend



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

LINK FOR SUPPORTIVE PARENTS NOVEMBER BULLETIN:

<https://mailchi.mp/7c2b0d031dee/north-somerset-november-bulletin?e=421466a61d>

St Giles SOS+ Programme

St Giles aims to break the cycle of prison, crime and disadvantage to create safer communities by supporting people to change their lives.

We use expertise and lived experiences to empower people who are not getting the help they need, who are hard to engage because they have been repeatedly failed – held back by poverty, exploited, abused, dealing with mental health problems, caught up in crime or a combination of these issues.

We train 'Peer Advisors' to become qualified in Level 3 Information, Advice and Guidance.

They use this qualification and their lived experience to inspire and support people facing similar situations. Being helped by someone who has 'been there' is powerful and underpins all our projects.

tings, through preventative sessions on violence, vulnerability and exploitation. Our award-winning approach uses trained professionals with lived experience of the criminal justice system to de-glamorise gang involvement and expose the harsh realities of crime and violence.

SOS+ delivers educational sessions that tackle the issues of county lines drug smuggling, gangs, and knife crime to young people who are vulnerable and at risk of exploitation, alongside providing training and awareness sessions on these topics to parents, teachers and other professionals.

SOS+ PROJECT AIMS

- Prevent young people becoming involved in serious youth violence and criminal activity by demystifying gang culture and educating them about the harsh realities of knife crime and prison life;

SOS+ SERVICE

St Giles' SOS+ Service delivers early intervention work in educational and community set-

- Impart real tools that young people can utilise to make better informed decisions and to avoid negative lifestyle choices;
- Endorse the benefits of education;
- Equip parents and professionals with the knowledge, understanding and tools to help safeguard their young people.

OUR WORK HAS THREE THEMES:

Building safety: most clients cannot focus on longer-term aspirations until they feel safe and secure. Our staff support clients to immediately address these needs.

Building aspirations: We support clients to build up the skills, confidence and resilience needed to create and to re-engage with education, training and employment.

Building connections: All our clients experience social isolation. We support them to develop the tools to become create positive relationships within their community.

SOS+ parents
webinar

All webinars are 60 minutes long including a Q&A

9th December 5:00pm

[Click here to register](#)

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SOS+ GANGS AND COUNTY LINES AVON & SOMERSET PARENTS' AWARENESS SESSION

Parents' sessions

Our gangs & county lines parents' session consists of speakers utilising their lived experience within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the realities and consequences of county lines, gang involvement, and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/transporters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an authentic and credible understanding of this complex and cross cutting issue.

The session will help parents and carers to identify signs and triggers that a child/young person might be involved in county lines and gain an understanding of how to appropriately respond to such indicators.

SOS+ parents' session aims:

All participants will leave the session able to:

- Define the term county lines;
- Outline the methods used to groom, recruit and exploit young people;
- Have an awareness of the push and pull factors that contribute to a young person becoming vulnerable and susceptible to county lines involvement;
- List the risks and consequences of county lines involvement;
- Recognise key signs and indicators that young people are being exploited or at risk of county lines involvement;
- Understand the perspective of either a survivor or perpetrator after hearing from an expert witness, including a brief overview of how girls are used;
- Facilitate a safe place within the household to encourage healthy conversations;
- Identify the services available to support a young person at risk of or involved in county lines, and the conventional referral processes;
- Utilise practical advice and approaches to keep young people safe, including preventing and reducing risks associated with each stage of the county lines process.

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