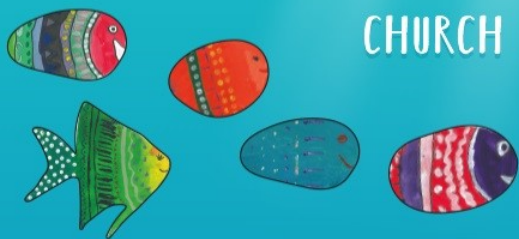




FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you



Dear Parents,

In our latest whole school learning experience we investigated the enquiry question:

'Should victory in war be celebrated or commemorated?'

What a super opportunity this provided for some thought provoking and challenging discussion - and an opportunity to find out more by reflecting on the views of a range of different people before setting out to draw our own conclusions.

Due to the current restrictions, we had to adapt our HOOK into this learning experience which we had planned to involve street theatre followed by a production for the school in the hall. Instead, the children were HOOKED into their learning with a short film that had been produced especially for our school by the same team of actors who had worked with us during our Nativity learning experience last year. Using photos and film footage from the wars as well as think-pieces from three representatives, they gave an insight into three very different experiences and perspectives of wartime. You can watch this film here: <https://btcloud.bt.com/web/app/share/invite/3UBRYjznWQ>

During the week, the children had the opportunity to explore this enquiry question further by asking their own questions and following their own lines of enquiry. The skills used throughout were:

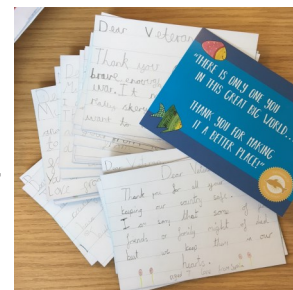
- 1) **Interpretation** - to examine the different views about events and how these may change over time and why (what did people do when the war ended? Why? How did they feel? Did their feelings and opinions change over time? Why?)
- 2) **Enquiry** - To gather information to answer our line of enquiry using a variety of different sources including books, film footage, interviewing people who have had personal experiences of war.
- 3) **Communication** - To use historical information to construct an informed response.

During the week, the children made poppies to display in their windows at home as a symbol of our respect and thanks to all those who died for their country. It has been lovely to see photos of these poppies appearing in windows throughout the village. Thank you to those families who sent in photos of their poppy windows!



Our school vision is to make the world a better place to be. The children had an opportunity to do so this week in response to their learning by writing postcards to veterans involved with Project 71, many of whom are isolated at the moment. Project 71 is a registered charity, run by volunteers and is a strictly not for profit organisation, every penny raised goes towards supporting our veterans in a range of different ways.

Dear Sir,
I am learning about peace and WW2 at school this week. Thank you for helping to save our country. It must have been very difficult during WW2. I am sorry if your friends died in the war. You were so courageous and I hope I grow up to be as brave and as incredible as you. Eddie Y3



Listening to the children's reflections on our enquiry question has been both fascinating and humbling—their comments reflect the level of understanding and empathy they have gained this week. We have captured a selection from throughout the school below:

'I think it is important to remember and be thankful to the brave soldiers and the women who worked really hard also. However, I think we should celebrate that the war did end and remember how happy and relieved people must have been.
Teddy, Elephant Class

'I think the end of the war should be celebrated and commemorated because the soldiers died but the war had ended.'
Jasmine, Hippo Class

'I think victory in war should be commemorated because lots of people went out to war, saw horrible things and died for us.'
Charlotte, Panther Class

'We should celebrate once and we commemorate forever.'
Lorrie Coffey, Project 71

'When making my judgement I need to consider all the young men who died in the war... Lots of souls were lost. They were the darkest days...'
Toby, Koala Class

Did you know 85 million people died in WW2, making it the deadliest war. Many people were relieved that the war was over. People sang, danced, they were over-joyed but not everyone wanted to celebrate because they had lost their loved ones. In my opinion, you should celebrate once and commemorate forever.' Austin, Penguin Class

In my opinion, war should be commemorated only; it should not be celebrated. We shouldn't be celebrating war which is people killing each other. If you celebrate, it can be quite disrespectful... We should commemorate the soldiers who lost their lives for us so that we can live in freedom. We should remember because they fought for us.
Isaac, Tiger Class (to read Isaac's full discussion piece, please see the website).

The week culminated with our own act of commemoration which took place on the school field with our whole school family in attendance. What a reflective and emotional moment it was for us to come together, as one, to remember. Our huge thanks to Mrs Allen and Mrs Treagust for inspiring and coordinating such a special week of learning in school.





We would like to extend our huge thanks to Fishbourne Parish Council who have donated £500 to the school to purchase new books for our library. We love books at Fishbourne Primary and this donation will positively impact on every child in school. Mrs Whitaker, our library champion will be putting together a list of books which we will purchase from The Book Nook, an independent book shop in Hove.

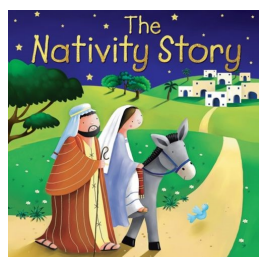
If you haven't seen it yet, please do take a look at our latest Fishbourne Reads newsletter which in the November edition has reviewed a number of wartime books, interviewed Mrs Harris about her reading habits and features our guest reviewer, Mylo Bryan who has written a brilliant review of Voyage of the Sparrowhawk. You can find the latest copy of Fishbourne Reads on our school website: <https://www.fishbourneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Fishbourne+Reads&pid=99>



At our Cuppa and Chat in December we will give parents an opportunity to hear about our new Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) policy and curriculum map. Mrs Williams will take you through the rationale behind the key changes before an opportunity is given to ask questions. We would like to reassure all families that parents will be informed before SRE is

delivered in the classroom and given an opportunity to view the resources that will be used to support the teaching and learning. If you would like to attend the Cuppa and Chat via Zoom, please do contact the school office so that we can provide you with the joining details.

We have been asked to keep our classrooms well ventilated this winter as part of our Covid-19 control measures and so we have the windows and doors open to classrooms as much as possible. As a result, as the weather gets chillier, so too will our classrooms. Please do make sure you send the children to school wearing thermal layers wherever possible to keep them toasty. We will also be doing PE outside unless it is bucketing with rain, so please do ensure your children have a set of warm PE clothing - tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt (don't worry about the colour of these!).

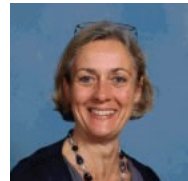


We are currently planning ways in which we can make this Christmas as special to our little fish as possible while also keeping our children and families safe. We have lots of plans which we really look forward to sharing with you in the coming weeks but please be assured, we will continue to dream big and ensure that Christmas is celebrated this year! We will write a Plans for Christmas letter to you all in the coming weeks that outlines the events that will be happening!

It was just brilliant to be part of our first FOFS (Friends of Fishbourne School) meeting of the new academic year on Thursday and spend the evening plotting wonderful ideas to make the children's world a better place to be! Our huge thanks to Helen Wren for coordinating our first meeting by Zoom and for those parents who joined us, even more determined than ever to support our amazing school at this challenging time. We welcomed six of our Crocodile class families, amongst many others. We are hugely thankful to the FOFS team for all they do for our school community.



My name is Julie Barwell, I've been a Governor at Fishbourne for 10 years and Chair since 2016. I live in the village and work full time as an accountant. I became a Governor as my youngest left for university when I felt I had the time to commit to our school. This year I've also been involved in setting up the Fishbourne Volunteer Squad to support the vulnerable in our village through lockdown.



This year has been a very busy one for Governors as we navigate the ever-changing advice from Government. Risk assessments seem to have become regular bedtime reading, it was one of the first items at our last Governing board meeting. We reviewed the procedures put in place for the start of term and considered whether these procedures mitigated risk in the way we'd envisaged or whether amendments were required. The next important item was our school development plan for this academic year. The plan had been reviewed in detail by a group of Governors on our Pupil Outcomes committee and together, with senior leaders in school, they made proposals regarding these priorities in the context of the lost learning time last year. We were also pleased to receive a detailed report from our staff lead for PSHE regarding the new statutory requirements for the teaching of Sex and Relationships and our draft policy for this which will be a topic for one of Mrs Day's cuppa and chats this half term. Lastly, we discussed the wellbeing of our staff team who have been at the front line of implementing a creative and ever-changing range of learning for our children.

I'm hugely proud to be Chair at our amazing school and to lead a committed and diligent board of Governors. We were also delighted to ratify Ed Bryan to complete our Governing board as our second parent governor.



Dates for 2020

As with all areas of our lives at the moment, there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding planning events. The dates below are guidelines and may be subject to change!

- Thu 3rd Dec - Full Governing Body meeting
- Wed 16th Dec - Christmas Lunch (see parentmail about booking through Chartwells) and Christmas Jumper Day
- Thu 17th Dec at 2.00pm- Cuppa and Chat (please contact the school office for the Zoom meeting details)
- Fri 18th Dec - Last day of the autumn term
- Mon 4th Jan - First day of spring term

INSET Days for the rest of the academic year

Monday 22nd February and Friday 28th May



Little fish who have made the world a better place...



It was absolutely wonderful to hear that Teddy and her family, including little sister Juno, cooked over 100 meals for families who would be entitled to free school meals in the area - shepherd's pies, stews, soups and pasta bakes. It was lovely to combine Teddy's passion for cooking with helping others who have been let down by the welfare system. We are so proud of the Hopkins family for making the world a better place to be for so many families in the area. Well done and thank you!

Please do let us know if your child has done something to make the world a better place to be... we would love to celebrate them living out our school values beyond the school gates!

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