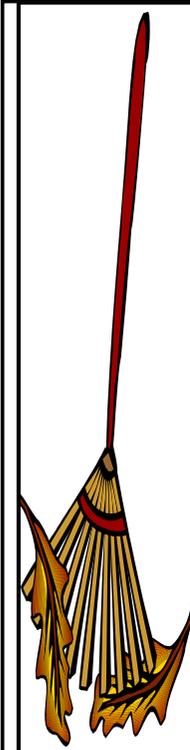


>>>>>>> **REMINDERS** >>>>>>>

As you know, we have an open door policy and parents are welcome to contact us if there are any problems or concerns. Usually, problems can be sorted out quite quickly by talking to the Class teacher or Phase Leader. We also have the added benefit of having 2 Home / School Link Workers who are available each morning at either gate. Sometimes, if parents contact us by telephone the Office staff are also able to answer any questions that you may have. Sadly, over recent months there have been a number of occasions when staff have been spoken to in an inappropriate manner either face to face or over the telephone. Similarly, parents have been heard & seen arguing on the school playground, sometimes using inappropriate language. Though this involves only a very tiny minority of parents it is still very upsetting for everyone involved, particularly if children are present. As you can imagine this behavior is totally unacceptable and I draw your attention to the following policies on our school web-site www.gladstone.stoke.sch.uk

- Compliments, Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Dealing with Aggressive Parents Policy



Dates for the Diary

November

9th	The Den children to Barlaston Downs
9th & 10th	Big History Days across the school
11th & 12th	School Photographs
11th	6pm Y2 Parents Meeting re KS1 SATS
17th	A Music Workshop for the whole school
19th	Year 1 go to Beeston Castle
25th	Year 3 Roman Day
26th	Book Fayre starts until Dec. 1st
30th	Last week for Swimming for this term

December

2nd	CHRISTMAS FAYRE 3.45—5.30pm
8th,9th,10th	9.30 am FS / KS1 Christmas Production
11th	Christmas Dinner Day

We have lots of other exciting things organised for December. We will let you know all of these dates in our special Christmas Newsletter later this month! Details will also go on our web-site.

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Many thanks to those of you who supported our Harvest appeal this year. Our School Council, made up of representatives from each class, asked us to support Age U.K., thinking particularly about those elderly people who live alone and may need support of one kind or another. Our special Slippers and Sweaters Day raised £471.20 and certainly raised the children's awareness of the issues faced by many of our elderly people in today's society. We have been told by Age U.K. that the money raised will go directly to those in need in this area. Thank you to the School Council for thinking of this worthy cause.

On a different note, next week we will be sending our a special leaflet from the Local Safeguarding Board highlighting the need for safe use of the internet. In school all classes have their own E-Safety rules, but we are aware than many children continue to use adult sites such as Facebook, at home. The leaflet spells out effective ways in which you can keep your children safe when using the internet. Thankfully, in school we have a highly sophisticated 'fire wall' which blocks illegal content, but understand that this sort of security is not available at home. Please keep a check on your child's bags next week when we send out this important information leaflet and information about courses that we will be running in partnership with the Police for parents.

Elaine Preston



A TIME TO REMEMBER

As you will have noticed our World War 1 soldiers and poppy crosses have once more been erected at the front of the school and in the entrance foyer as part of our special week of remembrance for those who have died in service for their country. The crosses are the same ones that were used last year and we are hoping to use them for 4 years to give the children some idea of how long the First World War lasted. Each poppy has the name of one of our children on it alongside the name of a local soldier who had lost his life. We also held 2 minutes silence at 11 a.m. on Wednesday when Father Kevin came in to school to lead a special assembly for the older children.

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Over the coming weeks we will be introducing a new Maths homework system. The homework will be set by the teachers and then completed online. The children will have their own individual password and log in details to access their account. Letters will be sent out shortly with details of how to use the web site and log on.

Mrs Rammell will also be running a homework club on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday lunchtimes for any children who do not have internet access at home. Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions about the homework.

!!!! NEW EMERGENCY FIRE PROCEDURE !!!!

After a false alarm (a faulty sensor) which led to the fire alarms going off at 3.15pm when parents were waiting to collect children at the end of the school day Governors have consulted a fire safety expert and updated our Fire Safety Policy. Please note that this policy now states that in the event of the fire siren sounding at the beginning and end of the school day when we would ask that all parents on site move to the climbing frame yard, leaving the children to walk to their Muster Station with our school staff. Our Home / School Workers would move to the gates to stop anyone else entering the premises. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Countryside Classroom



You may have seen the 'Countryside Classroom' article in the Evening Sentinel a few weeks ago. We also had a feature on Signal Radio which

some of you may have heard. The initiative was supported by the National Farmers Union and helps to give children a better understanding of the Countryside. Our Year 3 children had a fantastic morning, making and tasting ice cream from Butterton's Ice Cream Farm; learning about soils from an experienced farmer and exploring the natural environment making 'Woodalions' with Nick and Tim from Wildwood.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and all our visitors commented on the politeness, behaviour and enthusiasm of the children they worked with. The staff too had a fabulous day. We hope that the Countryside Classroom will return again next year!

