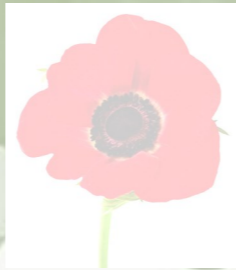


SMA News

At the setting of the sun, we will remember them



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 12th November–

Reception and Nursery parents are invited to an EYFS workshop at 6pm. It will be looking at: Reading (1000 stories) Home Learning Mini Adventures—for parents to share

Friday 15th November–

Y4 Class Assembly 9.10am Remembrance Day theme

EYFS Induction Morning for prospective Nursery and Reception children 10am

Wednesday 27th November

School Choir meet at Forests Arts 2-8.15pm

Friday 22nd November–

First Mufti Day—in aid of the School Fete. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for toiletries.

Friday 29th November–

Second Mufti Day—in aid of the School fete. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for £1.00

Thursday 5th December–

Blue Bags due back in school for collection today

Friday 6th December–

Final Mufti Day in exchange for bottles and School Fete “Meet Santa”, after school 3.45pm start. All are welcome.

And Finally...

Parents, winter uniform is looking good. Thank you. Please remember hair needs to be tied back and earrings, on days when there is no P.E, need to be in the school colours – either a simple stud or equivalent. No hoops.

Hair styles are generally really smart—thank you. Please avoid excessive gel and remember that fashion cuts, with tramlines, are not part of school uniform – no matter what children tell you!

Congratulations to Mrs Howlett in the School Kitchen, for achieving her Level 3 Nutrition Certification. No mean feat. Well done to her!

And Finally, finally... Congratulations to Mr Leek, who has become a Grandad again. And congratulations to Miss Marston and her fiancé, on their recent engagement. The ring is really beautiful... have a look! (And so is the grandchild!) As always, we really value family celebrations.

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Thank you to our Gardeners and Mrs Joyce for their lovely Harvest offering at the end of half term.

THANK YOU

I have recently asked for your support – with regard to behaviour at the beginning and end of the day. Thanks for your support in almost all cases. Trees are no longer being swung on; parents are clearing the playground more quickly and almost all children are being well looked after by their guardians and children are no longer coming back into the building – with great understanding shown by almost all parents. It reinforces expectations about how we behave in the world of school (in preparation for secondary school, and the world of work).

We now need to work on rights and responsibilities, as defined by UNICEF. Children are often well informed about their rights – that is a good sign. We need them to know what is right and wrong - and to exercise choices. However, we also need them to know their responsibilities, to be good, honest citizens who respect and value the rights of others – their friends and their teachers. Please use this language at home, as children will be using it in school, especially if they are choosing to be unfair, or dishonest. Again, thanks for your support, in anticipation.

PARENT VOICE

Thank you to those new parents to the school who have returned the **settling in survey**. Any further returns are still welcome – the final submission date being Friday 15th November.



These are hanging on all classroom walls as part of our Behaviour Policy

SCHOOL UPDATES

Next week is Remembrance Day – with poppies in abundance, both small and ornate. It is great to see the children sporting them with pride. We look forward to Y4’s assembly, linking to this special day, next Friday (15/11/19). We also look forward to the Aldridge Parade, this weekend – thanks to Mrs Hayes for facilitating our involvements. As a local girl herself, I know this holds a special place in her heart too.

I was very moved, recently, to read the story of the unknown warrior, reminding me once more, of the horrors of conflict and of war. I re-read the story of the 19 gun salute afforded to the unknown warrior, in honour of the half a million+ soldiers who had been lost – husbands, fathers, brothers, sons... and I remembered the great and ultimate sacrifices that were made, not just in the great war but in every war and conflict – securing the liberty that we sometimes take for granted.

Please encourage your children to know that the poppy is a symbol of these soldiers’ total humility, and our pride and respect for their actions. Please take the opportunity to not glorify war - especially in our world of violence, guns and knives. The virtual online bombardment of fighting and war children face today, sometimes trivializes the efforts of these brave men and women. Lets redress that again, collectively. Many thanks.

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Please remember that upcoming events are posted on the Facebook page: [St Mary of the Angels PTA Facebook page](#).

You should have received a Blue bag before half term. For every kg of unwanted clothing that you donate, school will receive £0.40 and the circular economy will continue to thrive as a result of this worthwhile fund raiser.

OTHER NEWS

It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance, this week, to see and hear how they can further support their children. The camaraderie and mutual respect at our two parents. meetings was tangible in almost all cases. Thanks to staff, also, who are excellent role models – giving their time and expertise willingly, often above and beyond the time slots, when parents are worried or anxious. Please value them, and respect their dedication. I do.

EYFS Parents, Mrs Smith and her team will be leading a very useful workshop on 12/11/19, looking at Reading and Home Learning. It will be at 6pm. Please come along if you can. If you bring children, please note it is your responsibility to maintain good behaviour so that others can listen and access the advice given.

