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'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'
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Dear Parents

Remembrance Service

Thank you to the children who represented our school last Sunday at the Memorial Service with Mrs Brant. They were a credit to the school.

2M Lunch

The children of 2M enjoyed having a family member to lunch on Thursday. Well done and thank you to Mrs Cullen and Mrs Gould.

Children In Need

Thank you to all of the children who participated in this year's event and came to school spotty or stripy. We raised a fantastic £225.20 towards Children In Need. This was the new School Council's first important organisational task of the year.

Marking Policy

Staff work very hard in school to ensure that children are clear about the specific learning that is taking place in lessons and help them to understand how well they are achieving through adhering to the school's marking policy. In literacy and mathematics the teachers recognise and praise the children's strengths and identify their next steps. The marking policy has been recently reviewed by staff and can be found on the school website if you would like to find out more.

Monday Assemblies

Every Monday we hold an assembly which is led by Reverend Andrew Ridley where the children get involved in the story he tells by taking part and singing. The Lords Prayer has been taught



to the children with actions, which helps them remember it. As a non Church of England school we feel this supports areas of our RE teaching.

Road Safety Awareness

Next week is Road Safety Awareness week where we will be reminding children of the importance of safety when out and about near roads. Could we please ask parents to support us in this area.

Bardon Aggregates

On Thursday all year 2 children learnt about Bardon Aggregates and the operations that take place at the local quarry. The children enjoyed sieving rocks of various sizes, hearing about the excavation process, talking about safety issues and looking around a 4x4 vehicle. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit. We would like to thank Mr Hawksworth for organising this presentation and for the invitation of a visit to the quarry in the Spring term.

Lunchtime Menu

The winter lunchtime menu will be available from Monday 26th November, please find a copy of the menu in your child's book bag tonight and one is displayed on the school notice board outside the school gates. Our cooks prepare fresh food daily to serve delicious and nutritious meals to our children.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We are currently looking for a casual lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested, or know somebody who is, please contact the school office.

Morrisons Vouchers

Thank you for the fantastic response to collecting Morrisons vouchers for gardening equipment for school. They have now finished the promotion so we ask if any surplus vouchers be sent to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Scooter Found!

A scooter was left at the village hall after the children's Halloween Party. If it is yours, please contact the school office.

Workers of the Week

Our well deserving children for 'Worker of the Week' this week are:

2K - To be advised next week

2M - Aidan Joubert for super work on the Gunpowder plot

1W - Rehan Rashid for having such a positive attitude to his work

1S - Jade Barker for making a great Diva lamp

RR - Molly Elsigood for fabulous writing of 'The cat sat on the mat'

RL - Bonnie Dolan for fabulous reading

Keep up the super work children!

Quiz Night

A huge thank you must be said to our Quiz Masters. They did a superb job testing the brains of the 14 or so teams who entered. Well done and thank you to the PTA once again for a successful evening.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer
Co-Headteachers