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Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and carers who sent in donations towards the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Your generosity is both humbling and very much appreciated. We will share the amount raised by our school community once this is received back from the Royal British Legion.

Yesterday, we observed a whole school 2 minutes silence at 11am in remembrance of those who *gave their today for our tomorrow*.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend our parent consultations this week. It was wonderful to be able to welcome you back into school to allow staff to share your child's progress with you. We thank you for your patience and understanding with regards to restrictions which have remained in place as part of our robust Covid-19 risk assessment.

Thank you also to Tracy from [Normanton Uniform Exchange](#) and [Fairway Graphics](#) for supporting our parent consultation event.

### Odd Sock Day! Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Next week is Anti Bullying Week. Children will be participating in activities to raise awareness of bullying and celebrate kindness. Children can wear odd socks to school in order to celebrate our differences and display a united front!

### Children in Need Fundraising Day – Friday 19th November



On Friday 19th November 2021 we will be supporting Children in Need – please bring a £1 contribution to wear a costume or non-uniform (please ensure sensible footwear!)

### Christmas Gifts/Cards

Please look out for a proof of your child's design and an order form will be sent home during this half term.

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### School Eco Council

This week the children have learnt about climate change and how to be more eco-friendly. Some of them wrote speeches to be their class representative in our new Eco Council. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to our new Eco Council members.

<b>Hepworth Class</b>	Minnie
<b>Waterton Class</b>	Olivia
<b>Sharman Class</b>	Freddie
<b>Tomlinson Class</b>	Beau
<b>Brownlee Class</b>	Annabelle
<b>Adams Class</b>	Rosie
<b>Bronte Class</b>	Harry
<b>Cook Class</b>	Charlie
<b>Hockney Class</b>	Sophia

### Christmas Cards

We have begun to receive enquiries as to whether current restrictions (and our current risk assessment) will permit pupils to exchange individual Christmas cards this year. We are pleased to advise that (Covid-19 guidance changes permitting) pupils are welcome to bring into school individual Christmas cards to exchange with friends **in the last week of term (week beginning 13/12/21)**. Please be assured that we will 'quarantine' post received into our postbox. Please make sure that the child's name and class are on the envelope.


### English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Courses

We have been made aware of ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses, which may help learners gain or improve English literacy for use in education, employment and everyday life. Many of the courses are free of charge – a list of courses local to the Normanton area can be found [here](#). Should these be of interest, please contact Mrs Conway should you require any support with accessing these courses.

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## Wellbeing Spotlight



**Role Model**  
As a parent it can be upsetting when you see your child is anxious. Your child will learn from you. Be a positive role model, demonstrate positive behaviours to your child.

**Talk**  
Set time for children to talk to you about their day and what is worrying them. By talking about worries it can help children feel less anxious.

**Coping Skills**  
Work with your child to develop their own coping skills. Relaxation is also important to help anxiety.


**Sleep**  
Children develop during their sleep. Support your child to develop a positive sleep environment.

**Play**  
Play and creativity is a great way to keep your child's mental health positive.

**Decision Making**  
By encouraging your child to make their own decisions, it helps them to build resilience.

**Well being**  
Role model good well being behaviours, such as healthy eating and exercise. Exercise is a great way to combat anxiety.

**WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD LOOK AFTER THEIR MENTAL HEALTH**

 [www.thestillmethod.com](http://www.thestillmethod.com)

## Upcoming Dates

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Children in Need
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	School Closes – End of Term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	This additional day is in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School Reopens
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Young Voices – Year 5 and 6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	School Closes – Half Term
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	KS2 SATS Week

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### Our Attendance Target 96.5%

Congratulations to Robins 2 and Adams classes for achieving the highest attendance figures this week.

Reception & Key Stage 1			Key Stage 2		
	Attendance	Lates		Attendance	Lates
Robins 1 (Reception)	96.76%	2	Tomlinson Class (Y3)	95.71%	5
Robins 2 (Reception)	100%		Brownlee Class (Y3/4)	95.86%	
Hepworth Class (Y1)	97.50%	2	Adams Class (Y4)	96.21%	2
Waterton Class (Y1/2)	94.56%	4	Bronte Class (Y5)	91.92%	3
Sharman Class (Y2)	98.57%	2	Cook Class (Y5/6)	93.55%	
			Hockney Class (Y6)	89.29%	

School attendance for the week is **95.36%**, which is below our attendance target. 247 children also achieved 100% attendance this week.

Please report any absences by leaving a message on 01924 890576 (option 1) before 9am or alternatively email [NCPAattendance@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:NCPAattendance@watertonacademytrust.org)

Yours sincerely,

A Riby - Head of School

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