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Dear Parents and Carers,

'A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself' Joseph Campbell

This week we have been thinking about the coming weekend and Remembrance Day. This is a time that the church, the school and the whole community can come together. We have focused on our core values of Love, Courage and Respect. We have talked with the children about their relevance to the past and present but how through these values we can contribute in our everyday lives towards a vision of peace for the future.

Today the whole school attended a short service of remembrance at the war memorial in the village. The behaviour of the children was exemplary and respectful. The school council representatives from each class laid a wreath made by the children; it was moving to hear all of the children sing as part of the service after the two minutes silence. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Royal British Legion and Reverend Linda who helped to organise this morning's service and share the act of Remembrance with the children.

During this coming week we have several dates for the diary. On Tuesday and Wednesday we have our Parent Consultation Evenings; times can be booked through the school office. We would like to encourage all parents to take the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher as this is an important opportunity to be updated on progress and attainment for the term. Also on Wednesday 15th November at 8.40am we have our next school Eucharist service in church, we would like to invite parents to join us for this.

Last half term we were asked by a number of parents about a Homework Club, we are going to run this on a trial basis for Key Stage 2 on a Friday afternoon for three weeks. This will be on Friday 17th Nov, 24th Nov and 1st Dec from 2.45pm and 3.30pm. All children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend.

As a school we are committed to Safeguarding and are continually reviewing our practice, with this in mind we would like to review our collection arrangements for children at the end of the day. If your child is being collected by someone other than an adult with registered parental responsibility for the child or an adult listed on the data collection form (eg: known grandparent), please could parents/guardians ensure that the class teacher and office are aware of this change. We realise that on some occasions children are returning home to play with friends and are collected by one set of parents, we would still politely request that we are informed of this to avoid any confusion. Please do not be offended if the teacher or member of staff asks for confirmation of the arrangements, our primary concern is the safety and welfare of your child.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Remembrance Day service on Sunday.
Best wishes, Mrs Fox

Golden Book

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| Apple | Tommy ~ for being very motivated and keen to learn both at home and at school. |
| Willow | Alfie ~ for a positive attitude to learning at all times. |
| Sycamore | Clarita ~ for suggesting some really effective adverbs to use, as well as using the classroom environment to help spell words. |
| Juniper | Austin ~ for a good attitude to learning, being enthusiastic and for helping other children. |
| Cherry | Olivia ~ for being a helpful, kind and friendly member of the class. Thomas ~ for trying |
| Silver Birch | JD ~ for his superb focus and concentration during lessons and his excellent enthusiasm. |
| Oak | Kereena ~ for always helping others and for organising the class so well. |

Collective Worship

LOVE, COURAGE and RESPECT

"My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them." John Chapter 15 verse 13.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

Heather's Healthy Hearty Menu

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| Monday | Sausages/Quorn sausages with mash, cauliflower, peas and gravy followed by whole meal plum and vanilla crumble with custard. |
| Tuesday | Roast pork/Quorn with roast potatoes, cabbage, swede and gravy followed by carrot and courgette cake and custard. |
| Weds | Shepherd's pie with carrots, green beans and gravy OR sweet & sour vegetable noodles followed by apple and raisin flapjack. |
| Thurs | Chicken tikka with rice OR creamy vegetable pie with mash followed by dutch apple pie and custard. |
| Friday | Salmon fishcake with chips, beans and peas OR macaroni cheese with garlic bread followed by lemon drizzle cake. |

Attendance %

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| Apple | 98.57 |
| Willow | 84.03 |
| Sycamore | 96.91 |
| Juniper | 90.64 |
| Cherry | 96.67 |
| Silver Birch | 100 |
| Oak | 98.48 |
| Whole School | 98.05 |

Congratulations to Silver Birch Class for their positive attendance this week!

Dates for your Diary

November

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| Tuesday 14th | ~ 3.00pm - 6.00pm - Parent Consultation Evenings |
| Weds 15th | ~ 3.00pm - 6.00pm - Parent Consultation Evenings |
| Mon 20th | ~ Year 3 & 4 poetry coffee morning 10-11.30am |

December

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| Friday 8th | ~ Development Day—School Closed |
| Tuesday 19th | ~ 6.00pm School Nativity |
| Wednesday 20th | ~ 1.15pm School Nativity |

Homework Club

Friday 17th Nov, 24th Nov and 1st Dec from 2.45pm and 3.30pm.

All children in Years 3 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend.

Please text the school mobile with 'HOMEWORK' and your child's name if you would like them to attend the three sessions.

This term's **DEADLINE** for homework to be handed in is:
Monday 11th December

Toy cars

If you have any old/spare toy cars or trucks that you would like to donate, they will be gratefully received for the children to play with at break and lunch times.

Label it or LOSE IT!

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are named, especially their cardigans and sweatshirts.

Mufti Day

Our annual Christmas fair is being held on Saturday 9th December from 1-4pm. We are having a mufti day on Friday 24th November and instead of money we would like to ask children in Reception—Year 2 if they can bring in an item for the chocolate tombola and children in Years 3-6 an item for the bottle tombola.

Football

Girls training will be on Monday 2.45-3.45pm
Boys training will be on Wednesday 2.45-3.45pm

Suggestions Box

If you have any questions, suggestions or indeed praise about school life in general, please pop a note into the post box on the wall in the school office foyer. You can do this anonymously or not, it's up to you.

We can answer any questions that we feel may also be helpful to other parents in the Buzz. Look out for a box labelled "you ask, we answer".

If your query is urgent and you would like to see Mrs Fox or any other member of staff, please speak to Suzanne or Melissa to make an appointment.

Sickness/Absence

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please ensure you let the school know by telephone 01983 740285 or email: office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk by 8:55am on the first day of absence.

When your child is well enough to return to school, please provide a note or email explaining the absence. If we do not receive this within 3 days of your child returning to school, the absence will be marked as UNAUTHORISED.