



Please wear a Poppy," the lady said,
And held one forth, but I shook my head,
 Then I stopped and watched as she
 offered them there,
And her face was old and lined with care;
But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on carefree feet,
His smile was full of joy and fun:
"Lady," said he, "May I have one?"
When she pinned it on he turned to say,

"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way,
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant ones who died in war,
And because they did, you and I are free,
That's why we wear the poppy, you see.

I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes.
He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as a bird he would race about.

As the years went by he learned and grew,
And became a man – as you will, too.
But the war went on and he had to stay,
And all I could do was wait and pray.
His letters told of the dreadful plight,
(I can see it still in my dreams at night)

With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire, and the
mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

Till at last, at last, the war was won
And that's why we wear a poppy, son."

The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said, "Thanks lady, I'm glad to know,
That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son – did he come back all right?"
A tear rolled down each faded cheek:
She shook her head but didn't speak.

I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me you'd have done the same:
For our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed
Though our freedom was bought
And thousands paid.

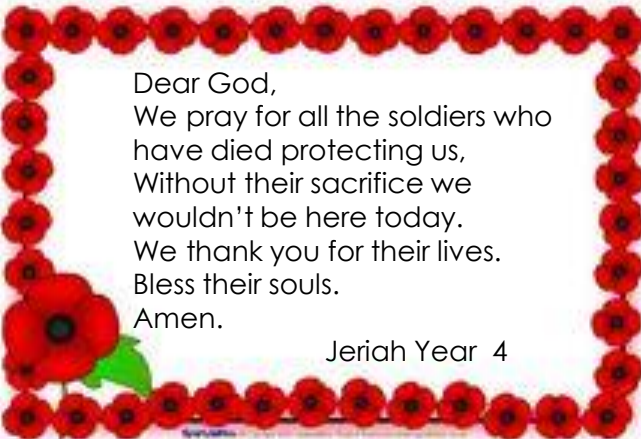
And so when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne,
By those who gave their very all,
When asked to answer their country's call.
That we at home in peace might live.

Then wear a poppy,
Remember, And give.

Remembrance Newsletter

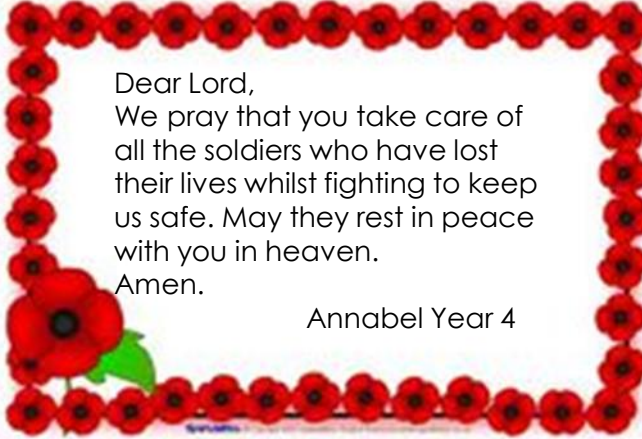
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The children have been working on prayers for Remembrance Day,



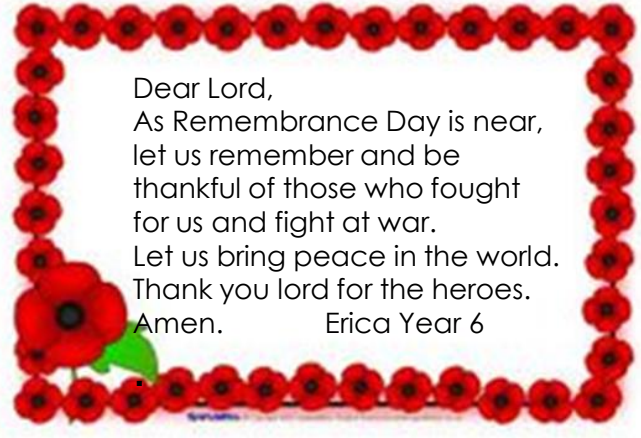
Dear God,
We pray for all the soldiers who
have died protecting us,
Without their sacrifice we
wouldn't be here today.
We thank you for their lives.
Bless their souls.
Amen.

Jeriah Year 4



Dear Lord,
We pray that you take care of
all the soldiers who have lost
their lives whilst fighting to keep
us safe. May they rest in peace
with you in heaven.
Amen.

Annabel Year 4



Dear Lord,
As Remembrance Day is near,
let us remember and be
thankful of those who fought
for us and fight at war.
Let us bring peace in the world.
Thank you lord for the heroes.
Amen.

Erica Year 6

Well done to the Year5 / 6 members of St. John's choir who last night took part in the Banbury Rotary club's annual 'Children Singing for Children concert' at St. Mary's Church in Banbury. This was a wonderful evening and the money raised went to Helen House Hospice, A schools project in Sierra Leone and purple4Polio.

'Everyone who took part sang well and it was fun. Thank you to Mrs MacLean, we couldn't have done it without you '.

Thank you to Miss Bodley who helped us on the night and was very supportive'.

Grace L + Lucia M



IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2013** and **31 August 2014**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is

15th January 2018

Apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Or pop into the school office for a paper application form.

it's quick, easy and secure. You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres ask for details at your local facility

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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Thank you to the PTFA who have donated anti-bullying posters, stickers, bullying ambassador badges and 2 new 'Buddy Bus Stops' for the playgrounds

Thank You!

St. John's Anti-bullying Week

Next week we will be running our Anti-Bullying week.

The children will be taking part in an activity each day of this week.

Miss Bodley will be leading an Anti-bullying assembly on Friday to reflect on the week's learning.

Internet safety

Miss Lewis' class have been discussing internet safety and here are the rules the children came up with.



Personalised Christmas Cards deadline ORDER EXTENSION

The new deadline for orders is
Monday 13th November-
After this date we will not be accepting
any more orders.

Internet Safety Year 4 rules

- *Don't show a picture or video of your face.
 - *Don't call people names or be mean
 - *Don't give away any private or personal information.
 - *Don't talk to strangers
 - *Check your safety settings
 - *Be sensible on all websites
 - *Mums and Dads MUST know what websites you are using and help keep you safe.
 - *Make sure the people you are talking to are who they say they are.
- For further parent information on staying safe online please call the free O2 + NSPCC helpline on 0800 800500 or visit www.nspcc.org.uk



NSPCC

WELL DONE!' to the following pupils who received special awards this week:

Early Years-Eva J

Early Years-Max P

Year 1-Jaxon M

Year 1 / 2-Ava Grace-M

Year 2-Elsie L

Year 3-Oliver D

Year 3 / 4 -Esme S

Year 4-Natasza M

Year 5-Helena M

Year 5/6- Angelin S

Year 6-Amelia Z

Group Award- St. John's School Choir

P.E News



School Christmas Dinner Thursday 14th December

This is open to all children and will be on a pre-order basis. Details of how to order will be sent out shortly.

On this day all the children in school can wear their Christmas jumpers too.

SCHOOL GAMES MARK CELEBRATION!

Some of the PE leaders were lucky enough to meet a two time world champion and Gold Medallist Olympic rower Matt Gotrel on Wednesday 8th November. They attended the PE celebration of the school games with Miss Lewis. St Johns were awarded Bronze for the commitment, engagement and delivery of school sport PE.

Dates for Autumn Term

Tuesday 16 th November	Year 3 / 4 class assembly 09.15am All welcome
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 5 Class Mass At St. John's Church 10.00am DATE CHANGE
Sunday 19 th November	Confirmation enrolment Mass 10.45 at St John's Church
Monday 27 th November	IMPS Visit Year 6 only Horton General Hospital
Tuesday 28 th November	LKS2 Sulgrave Manor Trip
Monday 4 th December	UKS2 Cadbury's World Trip
Wednesday 6 th December	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm KS2 Christmas Carol Service At St John's Church 6pm DATE CHANGE
Thursday 7 th December	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm
Tuesday 19 th December	School Mass 9.15am
Tuesday 19 th December	Finish for Christmas 12.10pm
Thursday 4 th January	New Spring Term Starts
Sunday 4 th February	Confirmation Rehearsal Mass 10.45
Thursday 8 th February	Confirmation Mass 7pm