

Dear Families,



It's been a week of reflection as the children learned the importance of **Remembrance** during Collective Worship. They have been able to recall that 'the red colour of poppies represents the blood shed by soldiers' and 'we think about the sacrifice they made'. They described feeling sad that 'soldiers lost their lives' but hopeful 'because it means that we can live happy lives'. Special words indeed.

Our moving service on Friday morning was led beautifully by Year 5, well done to them and the wonderful respect shown by all children during the minute's silence. A recording of the service will be shared next week with families.

You will be aware that on **Thursday 16th November** we are receiving our **SIAMS inspection**. SIAMS looks at how we live out our Christian vision 'The smallest of seeds... grow and become the largest of plants' so that our children, staff and families are enabled to flourish. As part of this, the inspector will be talking to leaders, staff, children, parents and carers about their experiences. She will also observe learning taking place across the school and attend Collective Worship. We are confident that she too will see the journey of growth and flourishing our children live out at Watermoor.

**Our Christian vision, based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed (Mark 4 30:32)**



**Our Christian Values:**



Forgiveness      Courage      Hope  
Compassion      Respect      Responsibility

**Updates:**

Parents' Evenings are taking place on **Monday 13th** and **Wednesday 15th November**. We are thrilled that we had the biggest (and fastest) uptake for appointments ever! Thank you.

Please arrive at the main entrance a few minutes before your appointment slot to sign in, then make your way to the corridor outside your child's classroom, where their books will be available to look through. You may prefer to attend without your child; but we understand if childcare arrangements are not possible. If you do bring children with you, please ensure they are supervised at all times.

The disco was a huge success on Friday night! A huge thanks to FOW for their hard work in putting on a night of fun for the children and for helping to raise money to support the school. We are truly thankful!



**Children in Need** is taking place on **Friday 17th November**. A reminder that children can wear *something spotty* to school, take part in playground Wake and Shake before school and will be doing the Pudsey Bear-pee Challenge in classes throughout the day! Donations, no matter how big or small, can be made via ParentPay from next week.

**Key events next week:**

<b>Mon 13th Nov</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Tues 14th Nov</b>	
<b>Wed 15th Nov</b>	Y6 swimming Parents' Evening
<b>Thurs 16th Nov</b>	SIAMS inspection
<b>Fri 17th Nov</b>	Children in Need

Our Remembrance Service took place on Friday. Here is a final reflection upon Remembrance and what it means to be free (from 'Dreams of Freedom' by Amnesty International)...



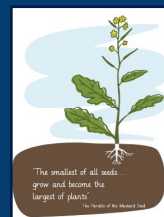
Best wishes for a restful weekend,

Mrs Lois Smith  
Headteacher



# Newsletter

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'The smallest of all seeds... grow and become the largest of plants'  
The Parable of the Mustard Seed

## Our Christian Values

Hope

Compassion

Courage

Forgiveness

Respect

Responsibility



Enabling all to flourish