

# Hardwick Weekly Catch Up – 6 November 2020



Welcome back and we hope you had a good half term.

The children have settled back in well and have started their new topic on Faiths and Festivals.

On Thursday, we started a month-long national lockdown and I just wanted to update you on what we are doing in school to meet the requirements. We are continuing with our current protective measures in school and ensuring the adults in school are maintaining their adult to adult socially distancing. Don't be alarmed if you see staff wearing face visors on site, these are worn when we have to get close to other adults. I would ask to please maintain at least 2m distance whilst on site, one parent/carer only on site to drop off and collect and as we are in a lockdown, please make your way home, to work, shopping or exercise as quick as possible and do not linger outside the school gates. If you wish to wear a face covering on site at drop off and collection, then please feel free to do so. I'm sure we can all get through this difficult time by working together as normal.

Just a few of things to tell you about...

## Poppy Appeal and Armistice Day

Normally this time of year we would have been selling poppies in school, but unfortunately the British Legion are unable to provide us this year with the merchandise. As Armistice Day is an important event to remember, we have decided to hold our own charity event on **Wednesday 11 November** by asking everyone to come to school wearing something red or from Help the Heroes, for a donation to the Royal British Legion. In the afternoon, every child will be making a poppy to take home.

## Car Parking in the Community Centre

Could I please ask everyone who uses the Community Centre car park to take extra care when driving and parking. In an ideal world pedestrians will not walk through the car park, but they will, so please be vigilant. Also, please do not park in the disabled bays for obvious reasons. The Southgate Community Centre kindly allow us to use this facility and it would be distasterous if we were no longer allowed to. Thank you for your understanding.

## BBC Children In Need

We will be supporting BBC Children in Need again on **Friday 13 November**. This year you can come to school in fancy dress, wear wacky clothes, wear spots or even have wild and wacky hair. The choice is yours! We will be making a collection for the charity, so if you want to take part please bring a donation to school that morning, which will be collected by the class teachers.

## The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal

From **Monday 9 November**, completed shoeboxes can be brought to school. Please refer to the leaflet about the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal, which was sent home a couple of weeks ago, or visit the website below for more information.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

*Dates for Diaries*

**Week 9 November:** Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection week.

**Week 9 November:** British Legion Charity event

**Friday 13 November:** BBC Child in Need charity day

**Week 23 November:** Year 5 Bikeability (cycle) training

**Week 30 November:** Teacher/Parent Consultations

**Thursday 17 December:** Last day of the autumn term

**Friday 18 December - Friday 1 January:** Christmas holidays (school closed)

**Monday 4 January 2021:** Start of the spring term – pupils return to school