

**MRS SUSAN O'SHAUGHNESSY:**

All at school were sorry to hear of the recent death of Mrs Susan O'Shaughnessy. Mrs O'Shaughnessy was a Welfare Assistant at the school for many years before leaving several years ago, and will be remembered by many of you. Our condolences go to her family.

**MOBILE PHONES:**

We have had an increase in the number of Y3 and Y4 children who bring their mobile phones to school and hand them into the office for safekeeping. **As all Y3 and Y4 children are collected by a responsible adult at the end of the school day there is no reason for them to bring mobile phones to school as a matter of routine.**

Y5 and Y6 children who may be walking home unaccompanied or going somewhere after school without their parents may bring their mobile phones to the school office for safekeeping until the end of the day. Mobiles cannot be kept in bags or in coats during the school day.

In all cases, the mobile phone must have a sticker on it with your child's name clearly visible on it. In the next couple of weeks, parents of Y5 and Y6 children will be asked to complete a form confirming that their child can bring a mobile to school.

**ALLERGIES – IMPORTANT**

We have a number of children whose parents in the past have stated that they have an allergy to foodstuffs etc. - often to a very specific kind of food e.g. raw tomatoes but not cooked tomatoes, skimmed milk but not full-fat milk etc.

Clearly any possible allergy has to be taken very seriously, as severe allergies can be life-threatening. When a child has a serious allergy, it is necessary to put procedures in place to minimise the chance of them coming into contact with the foodstuff to which they are allergic.

However, it is essential that any alleged allergy actually exists and is not the result of an assumption being made by a parent often years ago on the basis of a one-off event e.g. a child ate strawberries and then was sick leading to the assumption that the child is allergic to strawberries.

We will be contacting those parents of children that we have allergy information about to ask for confirmation that the allergy does exist. This will involve medical evidence being provided. If you have not had a medical confirmation of your child's allergy, please obtain one.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:**

**Orders for individual and family photographs must be returned with the correct payment by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. No order forms will be accepted by the school after this date.**

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FUNDRAISING:**

This year the Royal British Legion, as well as the usual sale of red poppies, have provided a range of items that children may be interested in purchasing. These include; pencils, pencil

