

West Acton PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 9th November 2018

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and was the topic of my assembly this week. Isabel in Year 6 and Acsah in Year 3 recited 'In Flanders Field' so beautifully. On Monday we will have our 2 minute silence at 11.00am. I have been unable to secure poppies for us to sell in school this year unfortunately – if you are able to buy a poppy this weekend your child is very welcome to wear it. This year marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. Please ask your child what ARMISTICE and CENTENARY mean: we learnt about this in assembly.



Miss Kondo

Wednesday this week was the start of the Hindu and Sikh Festival of Light – Diwali. Best wishes to our families who celebrated it.



Year 5 have been learning about the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings and have had a go at creating an Anglo Saxon or Viking artefact. There are a lot of creative swords and shields in Year 5 this week - ready for their upcoming workshop.

Anti-bullying Week 2018 is being held between the 12 and 16 November 2018. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect.' You can find out more about Anti-Bullying Week by visiting the Anti-Bullying Alliance website. Here at **West Acton** we are planning lots of lessons and activities for Anti Bullying Week, why not use this opportunity to discuss bullying and friendship with your child.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Friday 16th November

Come to school in Pyjamas day and donate £1.00 to Children in Need



Tip from Lia – our school Counsellor

Questions to ask after school- instead of 'What did you do today?'

Do you ever wish you could be a fly on the wall at your child's school? For many children, asking them 'how was your day?' doesn't always encourage them to share their experiences.

How can parents help?

Give them some time before asking them lots of questions at pick-up: they may be tired and also will need to reconnect with you first. Try to chat casually and to ask open-ended questions. If they aren't ready to answer, just pause and come back to it later: perhaps as you are playing, eating together or during bath time. Here are a few examples of questions you can ask instead:

1. What was the funniest/silliest thing that happened today?
2. What games did you play in the playground?
3. Did anyone do anything super nice for you? What was the kindest thing you did for someone else?
4. How would you rate your day on a scale of 1-10?
5. What is something you would have liked to do differently today?
6. What made you smile today?
7. Which rule was the hardest to follow?
8. Did you make a new friend today? What's their name? What do you like about them?
9. Is there anything you would like help with?
10. If you were a teacher/head of the school, what would your class/school be like?

COFFEE MORNING

For all families

Flip your lid – how to support your child with big emotions

With Lia our Counsellor

Monday 12th November, 9.00am-10.00am

in the Conference Room above the school library

Year 1 Phonics workshop on Tuesday 13th November at 9.00am and 2.40pm

Thank you to those parents who attended our Maths and Reception Phonics workshops this week.